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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

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Sophomore Kendra Becker practices her facial expressions, along with her moves, at a cheerleading practice this year. The squad was mostly comprised of underclassmen this year. **Photo by Brittany Johnson**



Senior Heather Robinson concentrates hard on a lab in her science class. **Photo by Ben Mathewson**




Freshman Margan Jackson brings duct tape to a fellow freshman while building the Freshman Class Float for the Homecoming Parade. **Photo by Ben Mathewson**


**What was
your favorite
moment from
this year?
Was it when
you took your
final bow in
the fall play?
Did you get to
see the best
band ever at
a concert?
*Think about it.***




Seniors Matt Dagan and
Steve Bryan have an in
depth conversation at
a sporting event this
year. Photo by Rachel
Jordan



A varsity runner races an
opponent toward the finish line
during a cross country meet
this year. **Photo by Rachel
Jordan**

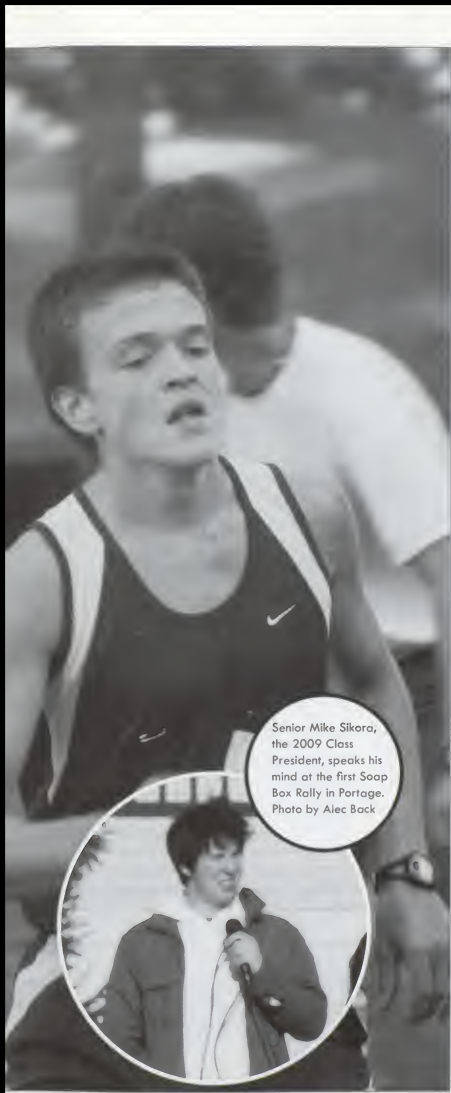


Junior Jenn Fultz
shows off her moves
in the physical
portion of Junior Miss.
**Photo by Thales
Carmago**



Students dance the
night away at this
year's Winter Dance,
which was held at
Woodland Park this
year. **Photo by
Andrea Falk**

**Who was
your biggest
inspiration?
Maybe it was
your favorite
manager at
work, your
coach or
a teacher.
How can
you become
more like
this person?
*Think about it.***



Senior Mike Sikora,
the 2009 Class
President, speaks his
mind at the first Soap
Box Rally in Portage.
Photo by Alec Back

What was your favorite memory from this year?



"Winning the Dance-A-Thon because me and my best friend had an awesome time."
Junior Braelyn Rasco



"The Marching Band season because it was the end of a combination of four years of work."
Senior Brad Welbourne



"It was doing the musical Little Shop of Horrors because it was my first time choreographing."
Junior Jen Fultz



"My favorite memory was the ROTC ball because there were a lot of people and we had a good time."
Sophomore Ryan Pope



A group of seniors prepare themselves for superfanning before a football game. This year, there was a new rule put in place concerning the girls who decide to superfan; there is to be no more showing of the stomachs with shirts hiked up.
Photo by Seiche Dogan



Seniors Nathaniel Lowery and Mariah Crawford strut down the runway during the Prom Fashion Show. Lowery and Crawford were voted the crowd's favorite couple with the best attitude and best dressed.
Photo by Alec Back





Senior Carolyn Tackett performs with her band during this year's Variety Show. Tackett has achieved great academic success this year, as she was named our valedictorian and will be studying at Princeton University. Photo by Thales Camargo

Participants of the 2009 Outstanding Young Man perform part of their fitness routine. Senior Justin Ruiz won the title of Outstanding Young Man. In 2006, Ruiz's older brother also won the title. Photo by Thales Camargo

By The NUMBERS

1260

Hours spent at school

4

Make up days

Priceless

Cost of the '08-'09 experience

The Year in Review 2008-2009

What a great Year!

The 2009 school year was definitely a different year for everybody.

International events of great importance, like America having the first African American President happened.

This year, records were broken in sports, in academic competitions and in making the community a better place to live.

Partridge High School had two state victories, in Track & Field and Wrestling. The music department won, for the second time, the All Music Award, meaning that all bands, orchestra and chorus got Gold "medals" on the ISSMA contests. Student Council and National Honor Society helped the community by putting on fund raisers like food drives, coat drives, book drives and also Dancers Against Cancer.

Homecoming this year was a long and fun week with school spirit all around the school.

"This year, records were broken in sports, in academic competitions and in making the community a better place to live."

Our school's play and musical, E.R. and Little Shop of Horrors, and the variety show, fascinated the audience with the talents and potential our students have here.

The two scholarship programs Outstanding Young Man and Junior Miss elected Justin Ruiz and Nesso Junyond as their "role model students." Making friends and having fun were indispensable things for the success of the candidates and of the program.

This year we had an enormous number of exchange students, six. More than 24 hours were spent traveling from their hometown to have a 10 months experience in

America and see what it's all about.

Prom was a thing from another galaxy, this year's theme was Starstruck and was a great time for Seniors and Juniors.

This was a definitely great year to be an Indian, our Tribe's story has just started.

Story by Thales Camargo

The freshman class of 2012 competes for the spirit stick by cheering on their class. Unfortunately, they lost to the junior class of 2010. Photo by Karaline Cartagena



Seniors Ryan Cherry, Alicia Vega, and Clark Mussman pose for a picture after they are crowned Mr. Football and Homecoming Queen. Photo by Whitney Johnson

What Did YOU DO?

"I did the Powder Puff Game. I did a lot of shopping for the football game. My friends and I superanned without all the vulgarness."

Senior Mariah Crawford



"I went to the game and then I grubbed out with my friends at B-Dubs (Buffala Wild Wings). I had an awesome night."

Junior Jonathan Cox



"Me and my friends went out to Buffala Wild Wings. The dance was a lot of fun, there wasn't many people there; I expected more, but overall it was great."

Sophomore Bri Mojewski



"I went to the game. It was a lot fun. It was definetly a great experience to start out my first year here. I was with all my friends, having a great time, and it was just a blast."

Freshman Chris Mueller



Photos by Karaline Cartagena



Building School Spirit

HOMECOMING

How did you pump up for the big game day?

Students continued the tradition of cavorting throughout the halls this year, flaunting their Portage pride. With the juniors taking the lead by showing the most school spirit, no spirits became doped up as the entire student body continued to pump themselves up for the big game on Friday night against the Merrillville Pirates.

"It was the best homecoming ever! The game was awesome, but I was nervous because it was a close game," junior Seiche Dagon said.

For the second year in a row, the pep rally was held right after school. Football head coach Mark Petersen thanked everyone who was at the pep rally for attending it, and then got the crowd pumped up for the night's game. Then, seniors Ryan Cherry, Clark Mussman and Austin Orlich really got the crowd heated, chanting, "Who's going to win?" Homecoming queen nominees

battled it out for a victory in the infamous pie-eating contest. Seniors Andreo Falk and Alicia Vega tied in the contest, but Vega let Falk have the victory.

Freshman class president, Margon Jackson, lost the battle of helping her class win the competition of the class with the most school spirit. As a consolation prize, she was pried in the face by junior class president, Emily Carpenter. The junior class of 2010 stole the spotlight from the seniors once again, as they went on to win the spirit stick for three years in a row.

"Of course we won the spirit stick... we always do!" junior Jack Callier said.

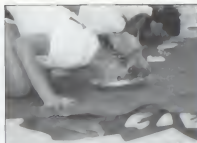
With a 22-20 victory, the citizens of Portage were celebrating the very close win. This year, two special players were awarded the title of Mr. Football: Ryan Cherry and Clark Mussman. Senior Alicia Vega was the vote for Homecoming Queen.

With a successful spirit week and pep rally, and a victorious win, the student body was surely celebrating the homecoming of 2008.

"It was the best homecoming ever!"

Seiche Dagon,

11



Homecoming nominees Andrea Falk, Margon Graber, and Alicia Vega compete to win the pie-eating contest during the pep rally.

Photo by Liz Broadie



The senior class of 2009 cheers as loud as they can in hopes to try and win the spirit stick. Unfortunately, they were beat once again by the junior class of 2010.

Photo by Liz Broadie



Sophomore varsity cheerleader, Sarah Handley, helps pump up the crowd during the pep rally.

Photo by Liz Broadie



Senior Matt Dogan applies war paint to Senior Steve Bryan while getting ready for the Homecoming Game against the Merrillville Pirates.

Photo by Karaline Cartagena



A mixture of students superfan for the football game against the Merrillville Pirates. This year, students went as far as completely spelling out "Go Portage High School." Photo by Karaline Cartagena



Junior coach Keenan Ruzga and Senior coach Chris Burke get into a tussle before the Powder Puff Game. The senior girls slaughtered the junior girls at this year's game.

Photo by Karaline Cartagena

How did you mentally prepare for your time on stage?



"Just practice! I loved being in the theatre productions. If you have a chance go out for them, because if you wait until your senior to audition, you realize how much fun it is, and you regret not participating in it sooner. Get out there as soon as you can!"

Senior Whitney Johnson



"John McKay is a really fun and off the wall character to play. He always does zany things!"

Senior Nate Livingston



"I had a lot of stage time. I was able to prepare with other cast members."

Senior Kirsten Gerber



"There was nothing I really did to prepare myself, but about five seconds before I got on stage I thought I was gonna pass out and faint. I was so nervous."

Senior Dom Vasquez



Seniors Rachel Overvall, Michael Sikora and Justin Ruiz portray a hospital scene in which Sikora plays a man suffering from a heart attack, but is in denial of the accusation. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Junior Jennifer Fultz and Senior Mauriza Colunga pay a visit to the emergency room as Fultz's character pretends to be "constipated" but in reality she was a mother-to-be in denial. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**





Seniors Justin Ruiz and Kirsten Gerber discuss a patient's health while Senior Whitney Johnson takes a break from the chaos portrayed in the emergency room by playing with a Rubik's Cube. Photo by Rachel Jordan

Senior Anthony Barnes portrays a concerned doctor who is trying to figure out what hallucinogenic drug his patient, played by Senior Nathan Livingston, has taken. Photo by Rachel Jordan

By The NUMBERS

\$100

Cost to create the set

\$7

Price of admission

\$0

Average cost per
costume

A Dose of Comedy FALL PLAY

"I actually tried out for *Grease*, but I can't dance. I didn't end up making it," Junior Cary Concoby said.

But this minor set back did not stop Concoby or any other of the fellow thespians from auditioning for this year's humorous play, *ER: Emergency Room*.

Teacher Patrick Maady directed the laugh-out-loud production that had every single person in the audience leave the auditorium with at least one good laugh. But it took a lot of hard work to put on this year's production.

"My favorite part of being in the play was that I actually had a life for about two months," Concoby said.

Rehearsal times usually ran two hours after school, but as opening night approached, rehearsal times ran longer. The cast still managed to make time for fun while working hard on the stage.

"The cast was really great this year. We all had a lot of inside jokes with all the mistakes we made at rehearsals, but it was so much fun!" Senior Whitney Johnson said.

Each cast member was able to distinguish their own favorite part of being in the play.

"The audience was my favorite part. They were great every night. It was also funny to see Nesta (Junyanid) get on stage. The stuff that the directors were telling her to do were ridiculous!" Senior Nathan Livingston said.

Senior Kirsten Gerber, a first-time cast member, admitted that "Meeting new people and getting the experience of acting" was her favorite part.

If there was one thing that students could learn from their fellow thespians, it is that: "It's better late than never," Senior Dom Vasquez said.

Many first time thespians tried out for this year's play and made it.

"I played sparts my freshman and sophomore year, and my junior year I was just lazy. I had always wanted to go out for a play though," Vasquez said.

The theatre is a place we can all learn from. It is a place where we can set aside all of our differences, be someone else, and just let loose.

**"My favorite part of
being in the play was
that I actually had a life
for about two months."**

Cary Concoby, 11



Seniors Jackson Zyla and Jessica Bruno take a break from dancing to pose for a picture. **Photo by Andrea Falk**



Seniors Rachel Overvall and Andrea Falk pose for a picture at a friend's house before the dance. Overvall and Falk grabbed a bite to eat at Bass Pro with fellow students prior to the dance to get ready for their full night. **Photo by Andrea Falk**

By The NUMBERS

\$2,800

Cost to create the perfect night at Woodland Park

\$30

Price of admission

\$60

Average cost per dress



Dancing the Night Away

WINTER DANCE

Rumors about the special date of the Winter Formal spread throughout the halls this year as the girls fretted about what they were going with and the guys were curious as to what color tie they should buy to match their dates' dresses.

The theme for this year's dance was *A Fairytale*, and the night surely lived up to its expectations. One by one, students arrived, eager to begin their night of dance and romance.

Junior Andrew Keil brought some attention to the floor as he break-danced.

"I went out break-dancing because no one was going out on the floor. I excel in the art of white boy dancing," Keil said.

Student Council and the Winter Formal Dance Committee worked really hard into preparing the lovely decorations and the tasty spread of food.

"The meetings were every manday after school for about one hour. The most stressful part was the

day of the dance because we had to make sure we got the decorations and other stuff up on time," Junior Seiche Dogan said.

"I thought the dance was fantastic. The student turnout was awesome. We had over 420 students that came and everyone was well-behaved. I was very pleased with the outcome," social studies teacher, John Arredondo said.

Junior Kenny Garcia had the opportunity to DJ this year's dance. Garcia laid down a variety of music, from the fresh beats of hip hop to the slower

tunes that encouraged the guys to sweep the girls off of their feet.

"It was interesting being chosen to DJ. Overall, it was a lot of fun," Garcia said.

After hours of dancing under everyone's belt, the sore feet that left the Grand Oak Ball Room were worth the memorable night.

Story by Karaline Cariagena

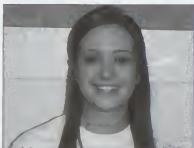
"I excel in the art of white boy dancing."

Andrew Keil, 12



My mom painted my nails, then I hopped in the shower. Then I went to my friend's house so she could do my hair. Then I went back home and put on my dress and I was done!

Candace Broadie, junior



I couldn't stop trying to perfect every detail. I stood in front of a mirror almost all day!

Jocelyn Sloan, sophomore



I got the dress on and did the hair and makeup. Ya know pretty much what every girl does when getting ready for a dance.

Kayla Mischke, freshman



A group of students gather among each other to pose for a picture before heading over to the dance. This group of students happened to stop by Bass Pro Shops for a meal at their restaurant, Islamorada.

Photo by Andrea Falk

Students gather amongst each other to enjoy a night filled with dancing at this year's Winter Formal. It took a while for students to warm up to the idea of being the first ones out on the dance floor, but eventually everyone realized the true reason they were there: to dance, and soon the entire floor was filled with students. Photo by Andrea Falk

How did you prepare for your "Fairytale" night?

What was the best part of your vacation and why?



"It was going to California because the weather is perfect and the food is amazing."

Senior Matt Halfman



"I enjoyed just being home with my family. I'm a really family-oriented person, and usually I'm so preoccupied with school I feel like I don't get to spend much time with my family, so I really enjoy that aspect of all school breaks."

Junior Karaline Cartagena



"I got presents during Christmas time and I had a good time with my family during Winter Break."

Sophomore Nathan Ramian



"Me and my friend Kristen played Mario Kart during Spring Break. It was super fun just pigging out on junk food and playing video games."

Freshman Brianne Cipich



Juniors Ricardo Nagib and Ryah Hodges jump for a picture as they play at the Indiana Dunes during Spring Break. **Photo provided by Ricardo Nagib**



Juniors Thales Camargo and Geunho Seo feed a squirrel in a square in New York. Both are exchange students who went to Hershey, Philadelphia, and New York for spring break. **Photo provided by Sonya Lindgren**





Junior Seiche Dogan poses for a picture with a parrot while vacationing in the Bahamas this Spring Break. Photo provided by Seiche Dogan

Junior Stephanie Bedalow poses with her friend Adam Davis as they enjoy the sun and pause to take a picture in Las Vegas, Nevada. Photo provided by Stephanie Bedalow



By The NUMBERS

720

Average miles traveled

\$4,000

Average amount spent on vacation

\$150

Average amount spent on souvenirs

Taking a break from school VACATIONS

The bell rings, the hallways are empty, the buses leave the high school; it's vacation time!

During Winter break students could enjoy a

couple of days with their families and celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve. The cold and snow from the Winter Season gave students opportunities to go sledding, skiing, ice skating, snow boarding, to build snow men, and participate in snow ball fights.

By the time trees are growing their leaves again, it's time to have fun during Spring Break.

During Spring Break most of the students got the chance to go to warm places.

Florida was the most popular place students chose to go this year. Getting away from the cold weather in Indiana is what the majority of the students wished for.

"Florida was a lot of fun because I got to see another part of the USA. I could spend time with other friends that went with me, and I didn't have

to worry about getting up early," junior Verena Baten said.

According to Biology teacher Melonie Karmel, taking a break from school is something essential for the learning of the students and for the teachers, which sometimes have to deal with "student's behavior."

Other students, such as players from the Winter or Spring Season, didn't really have their sports season's break, but it

was for the sake of their teams.

"Our track team is really good this year, and I believe that the time we spent during Spring Break practicing helped us to improve while everybody else was traveling," junior Tyler Monahan said.

Story by Thales Camargo

"I could spend time with other friends that went with me, and I didn't have to worry about getting up early."

Verena Baten, 11



Junior Nessa Junyanid and senior Tony Barnes perform a duet to the song "Lucky" by Jason Mraz and Colbie Caillat at the Variety Show. Junyanid performed a solo for the crowd as well. Photo by Thales Camargo



Junior Kyle Peksenak performs a drum solo at the Variety Show. Peksenak also played a solo on his keyboard. This is Peksenak's second year participating in the Variety Show. Photo by Thales Camargo

By The NUMBERS

42

Number of Participants

\$7

Price of admission

13

Number of
Bitchin' Ballerinas



Your Time on Stage

VARIETY SHOW

More than a time to show what you can do, the Variety Show is a fun time where the participants get together and show the best of our students.

This year the show was the 29th edition, and had attractions including music, dance, singing and the traditional Bitchin' Ballerinas.

"You come out here for the fun of play, and we do it for the entertainment of people," junior Kyle Peksenak said.

Solos and ensemble presentations were mostly performed by our students this year. Senior Andreo Folk, who has played the piano for 13 years, performed the song "Come Sail Away," originally performed by the band, Styx.

"I felt really good playing because I really wanted to play on stage. I like to rock out to Styx," Folk said.

Out of the 42 participants, 13 senior boys performed the classic Bitchin' Ballerinas. With the music of the "Nutcracker Waltz," they glided, spun and danced in tutus as they never did before.

"My favorite part of the show was the Bitchin' Ballerinas because my brother was in it, and now I have blackmail on him for the rest of his life," junior Seiche Dogan said.

After the waltz, the boys danced to the song "All The Single Ladies" with "shining" rings, (Ring Pops) on their fingers.

"I'm a great ballerino!" joked senior, Steve Bryon.

The variety show didn't have prizes, but the show would have had many more different attractions if the students with a talent would have gotten past their shyness, or nervousness, and go to the auditions.

"It's hard to get a variety of acts if the students don't show up, and many of them have great talents to show," Variety Show sponsor Mr. Joe Stevens said.

For some of the participants, this year was just another variety show, but for the 2009 seniors it was a great way of "ending the year with a gold key."

"I'm really happy to be participating in the show; it's a nice present to be recognized during your senior year on stage," senior Darcy Richardson said.

Story by **Thales Camargo**



"It was the best feeling in the world, because I like to dance around in tutus."

Senior **Tyler Tampier**



"I was still scared afterward because I wasn't sure if I performed well on stage."

Senior **Wendy Alvarez**



"I was very depressed because we weren't able to do everything we wanted to do, due to technical problems."

Junior **Kelly Robbins**



"I was out of breath and I wanted some water!"

Senior **Kaylan Knutsen**



A few participants of the "Bitchin' Ballerinas" perform their routine. While backstage, many of the participants joked about how much they love being ballerinas.

Photo by **Thales Camargo**

Junior Clarissa Thomas and senior Kyle Trzeciak perform an acoustic version of Tom Petty's song "Free Falling." Photo by **Thales Camargo**

What was your first thought after playing/performing?

What was your favorite part of OYM?



"The dance part because it was really fun and I stayed with a lot of my friends. It's a good memory I'm taking from high school times."

Senior Steve Bryan



"Hanging out with my friends and the dance, because it was a new experience for me to dance with my underwear and I will remember forever."

Senior Derek Poznanski



"The practices because I hung out with my friends and I had the opportunity of meeting new people."

Senior Ryan Cherry



"The talent part because I performed a Michael Jackson dance and it was a lot of fun. I have never done something like that before."

Senior Nathan Samano



Seniors, from left to right, Clark Mussman, Nathan Samano, Derek Poznanski, and Matt Dogan have some fun before hitting the stage for the competition. Mussman, Samano, and Dogan all placed in the competition.

Photo by Thales Camargo



Senior Justin Ruiz plays a drum solo for the optional talent portion of the show. After his own solo performance, Ruiz went on to perform with others in the competition to the song, *I Kissed A Girl*. Photo by Thales Camargo





The participants of Outstanding Young Man perform their fitness routine for the crowd that gathered in the East Auditorium on Feb. 7. The tradition of performing the routine in their boxers has been in place for several years. **Photo by Thales Camargo**

The finalists of Outstanding Young Man (from left): Clark Mussman (third runner-up), Zach Dean (second runner-up), Justin Ruiz (2009 OYM), Tyler Dean (first runner-up), Matt Dogan (co-fourth runner-up) and Nathan Samano (co-fourth runner-up). **Photo by Thales Camargo**



By The NUMBERS

5

Number of practices

\$10

Price of admission

25

Number of participants

The Best of the Best OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN

The 2009 Outstanding Young Man was the 18th edition of this very sharp scholarship program for seniors. On the stage there were only 25 men and the lights.

The candidates were very excited to know who was going to win and knew exactly what the purpose of the event was.

"This is a great opportunity to have fun with your friends and win a scholarship," co-fourth runner-up Nathan Samano said.

The most anticipated part of the show was the Physical Segment, when the candidates danced to the song "YMCA."

"My favorite part of the show is the physical segment because where else could we dance in our boxers?" participant Mike Sikora said.

Five past OYM winners attended the event,

including Aaron Priest (2000), Bryan Fielder (2004), Eric Ruiz (2006) and Doug Caffman (2008).

"My favorite part of the show is the physical segment, because where else could we dance in our boxers?"

Mike Sikora, senior

"It is good to see that it's still happening and going strong," Priest said.

The talent portion of the show featured guitar and drum solos, singing and even a dance from the King of Pop music, Michael Jackson!

The five finalists were Matt Dogan and Nathan Samano (co-fourth runner-ups), Clark Mussman (third runner-up), Zach

Dean (second runner-up) and Tyler Dean (first runner-up). The Outstanding Young Man of 2009 was Justin Ruiz, brother of former OYM Eric Ruiz.

"It's indescribable being elected Outstanding Young Man. I was nervous playing my solo during the talent show, but it's outstanding," Ruiz said.

Story by Thales Camargo

Janina Hofer, Thales Camargo, Katharina Bergant and Ricardo Nagib take a break from dancing the night away and pose for a picture.

Photo by Verena Baten



By The NUMBERS

6

Exchange students

\$7000

Average cost of an exchange program

320

Total amount of souvenirs asked to be brought back



PHS Accepts Visas EXCHANGE STUDENTS

This year, our exchange students were from four different countries: Austria, Brazil, Indonesia and Germany.

They received an invitation from Fegely Middle School and talked to different seventh grade classes.

Not only did the students have a great time, but the international students learned with the kids also.

"As a foreign exchange student, I was expected to do cultural presentations. Fegely Middle School presentation was my first one and I liked it a lot. I shared information about my country and I performed Indonesian dance and song. This is a part of building the bridge of understanding throughout the world. The first thing of making world peace is to get rid of ignorance of other's culture division," the exchange student from Indonesia Venda Sagita said.

"This is a part of building the bridge of understanding throughout the world,"

Venda Sagita, 11

Mrs. Sheila Parker is the counselor responsible for the exchange students.

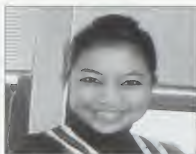
"Foreign exchange students give American students the opportunity of meeting people from different countries, religion, culture, and habits," Parker said.

The cultural experience on exchange program provides is very rich in knowledge and leaves unforgettable memories.

"Portage is so different from my school in Germany, which makes it very exciting

for me to study here. Unlike in Germany, I could choose my classes here. The teachers were all very nice and eager to help us, especially in the beginning, when we had some problems with the language. The students were also very nice, and I loved the school spirit here," the exchange student from Germany Verena Boten said.

Story by Thales Camargo



**Go Big Red!
Ayo Merah Besar!
(Indonesian)
Venda Sagita, junior**



**What's your name?
Wie heisst du?
(German)
Verena Batan, junior**



**Hi, how are you?
Oi, como voce esta?
(Portuguese)
Thales Camargo, junior**



**Hello guys!
Grass eich!
(Austrian dialect)
Katharina Bergant, junior**



A group of foreign exchange students pose for a picture outside of the Indian head. This year, we had two students from Brazil, two students from Germany, one student from Austria and one student from Indonesia. Photo by Mrs.

Sheila Parker

Foreign exchange student Venda Sagita displays a poster that details facts about her homeland, Indonesia. Sagita danced a traditional Indonesian dance in front of her class. Photo by Thales Camargo

How do you say... in your language?

How do you relate with your character?



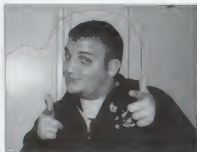
"My character was really fun, and I danced a lot of times and sang, which is what I like to do. It was a very glamorous world."

Sophomore Lexi Elisha



"Some people may think I'm ditzzy, and my character was happy, like me."

Junior Nessa Junyanid



"We were very eccentric and obnoxiously original human beings."

Junior Joey Bain



"We are opposites. He uses people to get what he wants and I wouldn't do that."

Junior Evyn Hale



Sophomore Lexi Elisha and Senior Carolyn Tackett prance around the stage while singing, "Skid Row." This was Elisha's second time participating in a theatre production and Tackett's first time participating in a theatre production in her final year at PHS. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**



Seniors Nathan Livingston and Justin Ruiz sing a duet together during this year's play. Throughout his highschool career, Livingston has participated in six plays and musicals total, while Ruiz has participated in eight. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**



Senior Justin Ruiz portrays the character, "Seymour" in this year's play, "Little Shop of Horrors." Ruiz has participated in many theatre productions and was honored with the Best Actor Award for his performance in this year's play, "Our Town." Photo by Melissa Deavers

The cast of "Little Shop of Horrors" poses for a picture after their final performance. Photo by Thales Camargo



By The NUMBERS

\$5400

Cost to create Audrey II

\$10

Price of admission

15

Musical numbers

Audrey II, a man-eating plant? LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

"Little Shop, Little Shop of Horrors..." even before the prologue of this year's musical Little Shop of Horrors start, the cast is already in action.

Actors, choreographers and singers had to prepare themselves for the show.

The musical director, William Badnar, helped the students to concentrate and relax.

"Before the show they do a little of yoga and relaxation," Badnar said.

After the preparation Badnar wished good luck for the cast saying the theatre cliché, "Break a leg!"

The musical was about the story of an adult orphan, Seymour (Justin Ruiz) who bought a plant that helped him to save Mr. Mushnik's flower shop. Audrey II (voice by Tony Barnes and Puppetttered by Darcy Richardson) is a man-eating plant who talks and gets bigger when eats humans.

The fourth and largest Audrey II plant is the same plant that was used in the original Broadway touring show according to the musical program.

"The cost for renting it was around \$18,000 and it

was one of the reasons the tickets for the musical cost \$10," production supervisor Joe Stevens said.

Teamwork was essential for the musical because

without the synchronization of the lights, music and changes of set, the actors would have problems.

"We had to make sure we would match voice and the plant's mouth movements," seniors Darcy Richardson and Tony Barnes said.

In theatre you have to play roles that are opposite personalities than yours, like dentist Orin, played by junior Evan Dominguez.

"To interpret Orin I had to be smooth and find my inner aggressor," junior Evan Dominguez said.

The choreography was also very important and according to senior Elizabeth Ziulkowski, once it's taught it's easy to catch it.

Little Shop of Horrors took three months to be prepared and had the participation of 34 students.

Ah, Badnar has one last thing to say, "please remember DON'T FEED THE PLANTS!"

Story by Thales Camargo

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Evan Dominguez junior



Students dance together during this year's prom. One favorite aspect of prom this year was the mist spray.

Photo provided by Memory Makers



Seniors Steven Eastridge and his date, Alexandria Guerra, hold each other close during a slow song at prom. Photo provided by Memory Makers

By The NUMBERS

\$8,000

Cost to create a night to remember

\$25

Price of admission per person

\$200

Average cost per dress



Were you struck by a star?

PROM 2009

It's the time of year in which every student anticipates- it's prom!

The girls have spent much of their time shopping for their perfect dress and thinking up their perfect hairstyle, while the guys just worry about if their tux colors will match their date's dress.

"I just wanted to make sure that my date's night would be perfect, and the coordinating colors seem to be a big part of that for girls," junior Adam Hawkins said.

The theme for this year's special event was Starstruck; a theme which left students feeling as if they'd spent a romantic night under the stars.

"I thought the overall ambiance was really good. The decorations were really cute, and I really liked the mixer that the disc jockey sprayed us with," junior Megan Brammer said.

"I loved the entrance that they had to come in to prom, it was beautiful!" senior Jamika Walton exclaimed.

While the D.J. played the music for about an hour to let everyone warm up their dancing feet, prom advisor Joe Bachan, along with members of the prom committee crowned Prom

King, Clark Mussman and Prom Queen, Andrea Falk. For the first time this year, the prom committee decided to provide the student body with a Junior Prom Court. Ironically, couple Keenan Ruzga and Danielle Bryan won Prince and Princess.

With the economy being in the state that it is currently in, many people had to find ways to be recession-savvy. Whether spending less money on a less traditional prom dress, eating dinner at a friend's house, or using their everyday car instead of renting a limo or a town car, many people found ways to stretch their dollar.

"My friends and I just went ahead and cancelled the limo and didn't rent a cabin for camping," senior Hailey Holland said.

Nonetheless, everyone made sure to make this a prom that they would never forget.

"With this being my senior year, I think the most memorable part of prom that I'll take away with me is just being able to spend the entire weekend with my best friends," Holland said.

Story by Karaline Cartagena



"We went to Chicago and played in the face fountain and goofed around in Macy's."

Junior Amanda Klenk



"Me and my group of friends rented a four person bike and fit six people into it and we rode around Chicago for two hours!"

Junior Jesse Garibaldi



"We went to the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, played laser tag, and got to see a baby kangaroo! It was a lot of fun!"

Junior Danielle Bryan



"A whole bunch of my friends went to my friend Matt's boat in Michigan City, and we took it to Chicago."

Senior Hailey Holland



Juniors Holly Tharp, Jordan Steiger and Eric Lee show off their best moves on the dance floor. **Photo provided by Memory Makers**

Juniors Kyle Schiller, Keenan Ruzga and Danielle Bryan stop for a picture during Prom. Ruzga and Bryan were elected as this year's Prom Prince and Princess. **Photo provided by Memory Makers**

How did you spend your day after/ weekend of prom?

What advice would you give future Junior Misses?



"Just have fun and don't take things too serious. Just try your best."

Junior Jasmine Zamora



"It's not about winning anything, it's more to make friends."

Junior Irene Anguiano



"Be yourself and have fun with it, because the journey makes it worthwhile no matter if you earn or lose anything."

Junior Sara Feehan



"No matter what, just have fun and make as many friends as you can."

Junior Marla Mayfield



Junior Miss participant Sarah Smith gets ready to perform her mime routine. Smith had just started to learn miming two weeks before Junior Miss began. **Photo by Thales Camargo**



Finalists, from left to right: Amanda Alasauskas, Holly Tharp, 2009 Junior Miss Whitney Johnson, 2010 Junior Miss Nessa Junynid, Jen Fultz and Sarah Smith pose for a picture after the final night of Junior Miss. All the girls admitted to just wanting to know who was going to be the finalists at the end of the night. **Photo by Thales Camargo**





Participants in this year's Junior Miss perform their dance for the fitness portion of the program. Senior Whitney Johnson choreographed the poise and fitness section of the program. At first, most participants said that the "butterfly" move was the most difficult to perform.

Photo by Thales Camargo

Portage's and Indiana's 2009 Junior Miss, Whitney Johnson, poses with Portage's 2010 Junior Miss, Nessa Junynid. Junynid, who lost her lucky pendant just before the program started, got really nervous, but as the program went on, her nerves went away and she just enjoyed the fun of being on stage. Photo by Thales Camargo

By The NUMBERS

\$8,950

Amount given out in scholarships

\$10

Price of admission

29

Number of participants

A Night of Elegance JUNIOR MISS

Times change, and with the end of the 2009 school year Whitney Johnson, (Portage's 2009 and Indiana Junior Miss) gave her throne to Nessa Junynid.

The 2010 Junior Miss program started with 29 candidates and ended with 12 finalists. Johnson chose this year's theme as "Disco".

A variety of colors exploded in the auditorium when the candidates performed in the poise section.

"I loved it because I had the opportunity of seeing girls I see everyday blossom in a different way," bibliotecary Mrs. Cohen said.

The talent section was so rich in variety. There was a magic show performed by junior Kristie Stonfield, a mime routine performed by junior Sorah Smith and a Howolion hula dance performed by junior Meo Bujno.

A problem encountered by the candidates in the

beginning of the rehearsals was fear, which was bravely fought when all the girls had to come out on stage for the first time and dance in the fitness routine section.

"My most memorable moment was when we first saw Whitney doing dances and we never thought we would do it. When you finally get it, you have a feeling of accomplishment," junior Mollory Bridges said.

Nessa Junynid, who lost her lucky pendant before the results, was hyperventilating before she went on the stage and, at the same time, was very excited

when the curtains opened.

Despite the scholarship, making new friends is always the most important part of the program.

"I liked the experience of participating in it because I had the opportunity of making new friends and gaining confidence in front of an audience," junior Seiche Dogan said.

Story by Thales Camargo

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Mollory Bridges, 11



Seniors Megan Hulse and Andrea Falk celebrate graduation by running outside and tossing their caps into the air. Both Hulse and Falk worked hard throughout their high school career and graduated with honors. **Photo by Thales Camargo**



Seniors Ari Davis Jessica Sobocinski pose for a picture with each other during the graduation madness. Davis and Sobocinski have been friends for two years. **Photo by Thales Camargo**

By The NUMBERS

505

Number of seniors at the ceremony

1

Number of pranks

\$ 42

Average spent for graduation



The beginning of a new life

GRADUATION

Graduation is not only the end of High School for seniors, it's also the beginning of a new life.

The class of 2009 was the first to come back after graduation to take finals and it didn't pleasure most of the students.

"I'm really upset because graduation is supposed to be our final point in High School," senior Amalia Shanks-Meile, 12

The ceremony was marked by a music presentation of seniors Kyle Trzeciak and Kylie Mc Guire.

A highlight moment of this year's graduation was when Principal Caren

Swickard asked for the family of the senior Valorie Archie who passed away this year, to receive her diploma once she had completed all the requests for graduating.

A lot of students were very sad because of the fact they won't see their friends and Staff for a

long time, but some were also glad that their works were finally accomplished.

"I'm happy because it's been a long four years," Senior Luke Wheeler said.

Story by Thales Camargo



"Having to drag myself out of bed every morning to come see the people that I love."

Senior Kevin Jennings



"The teachers and my friends who made an impact in my life."

Senior Carolyn Tackett



"My friends because now everybody will be moving on."

Senior Jessica Bruno



"My friends and my nice teachers, because they are as cool as my friends."

Senior John Martinez



This years seniors wait patiently during the graduation ceremony before they get called up to accept their diplomas. The ceremony was moved inside for fear of rain.

Photo by Thales Camargo

Carolyn Tackett, our 2009 valedictorian gives her speech during the graduation ceremony. Tackett talked about overcoming obstacles in her speech. After graduation, Tackett will be attending Princeton University.

Photo by Thales Camargo

What will be the one thing you miss the most about High School?

Seniors Dom Vasquez, Steve Bryan, Alee Kolbus, Amber Blejski, and Matt Dogan finish painting their bodies and get ready for the Homecoming game. **Photo by: Rachel Jordan**



People are what make PHS what it is. The choices you made each day, like deciding to "Discipline Yourself" or not, may have affected others besides you. In a place where every choice makes a difference, ask yourself this question:

What do you think about...

MAKING YOUR MARK



Juniors Cammie Manoski and Tiffanie-Ann Lucas show their school spirit on homecoming day. Photo By: Melissa Deavers



Tyler Richter and Megan McFadden pose for a spirited homecoming picture. Photo By: Melissa Deavers



Two PHS students watch the homecoming game in their spirited outfits. Photo By: Rachel Jordan

Johnson says to 'be the person you want to be'

They say your senior year is one you will never forget. However, in order to make the memory stick, you have to do something worth remembering.

That is exactly what senior Whitney Johnson did.

After being named 2009 Portage Junior Miss and the 2009 Indiana Junior Miss, Johnson kept herself involved in extracurricular activities throughout all four years of high school.

During her senior year, she was involved in extracurricular activities such as National Honor Society, Toni's Dance Academy, Thespians and Recycling Club; she was a part of OYM, working as the boys' choreographer; and she kept on top of her grades with an average GPA of 4.1, taking four AP classes such as Calculus, English 12, Government and Chem 2. She also kept Dancers Against Cancer alive this year by putting together the annual event.

"When I first took on the responsibility of the program, I didn't quite realize all the work I would have to put in, but once the actual performance started, all the man-hours were worth the effort. In the end, we raised about \$3,000 from silent auctions and ticket sales. I would say the program was a success," Johnson said.

All of these activities kept her busy, but it also made for a very exciting, and very rewarding, senior year.

"The senior year will go by the fastest, so take in what you can, experience all that happens, and most importantly, find who you are and be the person you want to be," Johnson said.

Senior homecoming queen nominee Morgan Graber fights to keep fellow queen nominee Andrea Falk from throwing pie in her face.

Photo by Liz Broadie

Douglas Adduci
Athletic Training 12, Swimming and
Diving 10, 11, 12
Jasmine Aguilar
Andrew Alvalles



Jessica Alvarez
Wendy Alvarez
HOSA 11; Orchestra 9, 10, 12; Spanish Club 12;
Track and Field 9, 10, 12
Darryl Anderson



Jessica Anderson
Athletic Training 11; Captains Council 11, 12;
Natural Helpers 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 12;
Swimming and Diving 9, 10, 11, 12
Danielle Aragon
Valerie Archie





Erica Armstrong
Brittnee Arndt
Dwayne Arnold
Joseph Arroyo
Golf 12; Spring Musical 12; Wrestling 9, 10,
11, 12
Leslie Bailey

Daniel Bain
Lauren Barner
Anthony Barnes
Chor 9, 10, 11; Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12; Diversity
Club 12 (President); DYM 12; Spring Musical 9,
10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Therapies 9, 10,
11 (Vice President); 12 (Vice President)
Jeffrey Barnes
Basketball 9; Campus Life 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf
10; Swimming and Diving 10, 12
Megan Beach
BPA 9, 10; Soccer 10, 11

Craig Beasley
Jeremy Beasley
Michael Beckham
Football 9; ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12
Kevin Benak
David Berridge
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; Orchestra
9, 10, 11, 12; ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12



Senior Taylor Hill works hard on a project in one of the many art classes PHS has to offer. Photo by Brittany Johnson

Nikki Bewley
Band 9, 10; Marching Band 10; Pep Band 9, 10
Holly Bilderback
Orchestra 9
Corey Bingham
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; Jazz
Band 11, 12; Marching Band 9; Orchestra 9,
10; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical (git
band) 9, 11, 12
Amber Biejaki
Jessica Bowles



Samuel Baynes
Athletic Training 11; Basketball 9, 11; Cross
Country 9; Football 11; Freshman Class Club
9; Junior Class Club 11; Multicultural Club 11;
Student Council 9, 10, 11
Elizabeth Breakfield
Bowling 11, 12; Chair 9
Amelia Briones
Elizabeth Broadie
Legend 11, 12 (After-In-Chief)
Phillip Brosseau
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12



Anthony Brown
Perfect Attendance, one year
Sarah Brown
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11,
Chair 9, 12
Jessica Bruno
Basketball 9; Captains Council 12; Softball 9,
10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Stephen Bryan
Athletic Training 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10,
11, 12; Captains Council 12; OYM 12
Jonathan Buchanan



Jason Buchwalter
Clinton Buckland
Andrew Burke
Christopher Burke
Basketball 9, 10; Football 9, OYM 12; Senior
Class Club 12 (Treasurer); Student Council 12;
Theopians 12
Darlene Burton



Anthony Camacho
Addisen Cameron
Carrie Campfield
Karen Campos
Nicholas Caniglia
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12



Jessica Cardenas
Lisa Carroll
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12; FHS
11; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11;
Jamie Carter
Raymond Casillas
ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12
Adam Castaneda

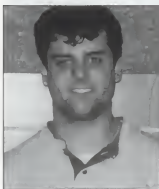




Walter Castrejon
Rikki Cavanaugh
HOSA 11
Patricia Cervantes
Sergio Chavez
Ryan Cherry
Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, 11, 12; Captains
Council 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Natural
Helpers 11; DYM 12

Aaron Ciesielski
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12
Trevor Clendaniel
Marissa Clough
Brittany Coates
Anthony Coccara

Nathaniel Coleman
Brandon Cameford
Jessa Cann
Keegan Connaway
Leslie Cook
Cross Country 9, ROTC 9, 10, 11, 12; ROTC
Exhibition Drill (Commanding Officer) 9, 10,
11, 12; Swimming and Diving 11;



"My brother [Tyler Dean] is my best friend. I've known him my whole life and since he looks like me, I thought it would be cool to be his friend. We look alike, like to hunt and fish, and we both like hockey, so I just had to be friends with him."

-Zach Dean, senior

"My best friend is Brittany Coates and we have known each other since elementary school. She has always been there for me and is extremely fun to hang around. We love to go to Portage's hockey games and play chuck-a-puck. Even though we always lose, we will still be best friends forever."

-Valerie Lafata, senior



Who is your best friend and why?



"I have two best friends and they are Samantha Stover and Liz Broadie. I met Samantha in sixth grade and Liz last year. They are both mothers to beautiful girls (Gracie Raye and Mackenzie Rae) and they are wonderful people."

-Jessica Bowles, senior

"My best friend would be Anthony Camacho (AJ). The reason being is that since birth, we have been put through the same stages and obstacles in life, so I see him as a brother rather than a best friend."

-Chris Simmons, senior



Tanya Carano

Charles Cousins

Amber Cox

Mariah Crawford

Kayla Criswell

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track and Field 9,
10, 11, 12



Allison Cruse

Melanie Cunningham

Shannon Curry

Brittania Dahlgren

Band, 9; Cheerleading 9, 11; Gymnastics 9,

11; NOSA 11, 12; Swimming and Diving 10

Bryce Dakin



Jared Davies

Golf 9, 10, 11

Arlangelo Davis

Academic Team (Captain) 9, 10, 11, 12; Band

(Section Leader) 9, 10, 11, 12; FHS 11, 12;

Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Diversity Club 12;

Orchestra (Historian, President, Section Leader

9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Quiz

Bowl (Captain) 9, 11, 12; Science Olympiad 10,

11, 12; Spanish Club 9; Tennis 9, 10

Chrystal Davis

John Davis

Salena Dean



Seniors Tony Barnes and Andrea Falk stop to take a picture together at this year's Winter Dance. The event was held at Woodland Park for the second year in a row. Photo provided by Andrea Falk





Tyler Dean
FLHS 11, 12; Hockey (Asst. Captain) 9, 10, 11, 12, OYM 12
Zachary Dean
Hockey (Asst. Captain) 9, 10, 11, 12, OYM 12
Mark Deleon
Jasmine Dennie
Eduardo Diaz

Dakota Dixon
Perfect Attendance, two years
Joshua Djurich
Matthew Dogan
Fall Play 12; Natural Helpers 11, 12; OYM 12;
Spring Musical 12; Swimming and Diving 9,
10, 11, 12; The Spoons 12
Jordan Doherty
Derek Dougherty
FLHS 12

Steven Downing
Jessica Dranchak
Athletic Training 11; Choir 9; FLHS 11; Pow
Wow 12; Student Court 10, 11, 12; Swimming
and Diving 9, 10, 11, 12
Stephen Eastridge
Sean Egal
Kevin Engel

Alan Eryman
Daphne Espinosa
Stephanie Espinosa
Amanda Evert
Fall Play 12; FLHS 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12; Junior Miss 11;
HMS 12; Spring Musical 12; Perfect Attendance, one year
Andrea Falk
Basketball 9, 10; Campus Life 11, 12; Cross Country 9,
10, 11, 12; HMS 10, 11, 12; Freshman Class Club (Vice
President) 9; Junior Class Club (Vice President) 11; Junior
Miss (Third Runner Up, Scholar Award) 11; Latin Club 9, 10;
Legend 11, 12; HMS 11, 12; Orchestra 9; SCAT 9; Sophomore
Class Club (President) 10; Student Council (Vice President) 9,
10, 11, 12; The Spoons 9, 10; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12

Casey Ferguson
Brittney Figueroa
Nathan Fortenberry
Salena Freeman
Jaquel Freeny

Derek Frizzell
Bryce Framme
Kevin Funke
Danielle Gaines
Leandre Gantt

Anthony Geiselman
Football 9, 10, 11
Joshua Gensel
Kirsten Gerber
James Geras
Virgil Gain



Roemarie Gomez
Derek Goodman
Tyler Garden
Desiree Gordan
Michelle Gotschlich
FLHS 11, 12; Junior Miss (Top 12 Finalist,
Talent Award) 11; Latin Club (President)
10, 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring
Musical 9, 11; Swimming and Diving 9, 10,
11, 12

Margyn Graber
Cesar Granillo
Dean Grotham
Jeffrey Grott
Paw Wow (Staff Writer) 12; Technology Club 9
Diondre* Green

Who is your favorite teacher of all time?



"In fourth grade, I had Miss Powell as a teacher. My love for learning started with her and she has made a lasting impact on my life."
-Nicole Hudson, senior

"Mr. Joe Stevens because he is a fun-loving person who has helped me in many different areas of study."
-Justin Ruiz, senior



"Mr. Cavan. He is willing to continue teaching, even outside the classroom."
-Nate Livingston, senior

"My favorite teacher, by far, was Miss G. Kotyuk! She made everything so fun and was always enthusiastic about her lessons. She made English fun for her students and really made a big impact on my life."
-Jessica Dranchak, senior





Megan Gregory
Brandon Grass
Jamie Grutsch
Kyle Hadley
Eryn Hale

Matthew Halfman
Ashley Handley
Taylor Haraminac
Brittany Harriman
HOSA 12
Rachel Harris

Sydni Harris
Nicole Harrie
Chair 9, Thespians (Set Designer) 11, 12
Joshua Hart
Jenna Harvey
Katherine Hawkins
Basketball 9; Multicultural Club 11; Senior
Class 12 (Secretary), Student Council 11, 12

Sara Hayden
Ryan Hock
Tricia Hain
Kristen Helmick
Nadine Hernandez
Anime Club 10; Art Club 9; Chair 9; Drill
Exhibition 11; German Club 11; ROTC 9, 10,
11, 12, SAGA 11

Justine Herrera
Christopher Hess
Joseph Higgins
Athletic Training 12; Captains Council 12;
Football 12; Soccer (Captain) 9, 10, 11, 12
Paige Hoggard
Halley Holland
FLHS 11, 12; Lann Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer
9, 10, 11, 12

Kelsey Horton
Chair 9, 10, 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12;
Marina Hubbard
Nicole Hudson
Henry Huff
Michael Hughes
Grass Country 11

Andrew Hulse
Megan Hulse
Alexis Jackson
Devon Jager
Brooke Jonik



Phillip Jeffrey
Donte Jamison
Kevin Jennings
Rachel Jett
Arvis Johnson
Captains Council 12; Football 9, 10;
Multicultural Club 11; Track and Field 9, 10,
11, 12



Chyno Johnson
Jasmine Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Whitney Johnson
Art Club 12; Band 9; Choir 9, 10; Fall Play
10, 11, 12; Junior Miss 11 (First Place);
NHS 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 10, 11,
12 (Choreographer); Student Council 9;
Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12 (President)
Scott Jones



Megan Juchnicki
Craig Juratic
Derek Kolicky
Tiffany Kell
Crystal Kellman
Basketball 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11; Track and Field
9, 11, 12



Kyle Keith
Elizabeth Kelly
Amber Kemp
Francis Killmer
Brian Kim
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Captains Council 12; Cross
Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10;
GYM 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11; Track and Field
9, 10, 11, 12



Alexandrio Kimmel
Kayla King
Christopher Kirk
Caleb Klitchen
Joshua Klitchen





James Klimczyk
Kaylan Knutsen
Chair 9, 10, 12, Fall Play 9, 11, 12; Golf 9;
Junior Class Club 11 (Rep.); Junior Miss 11
(first Runner Up); NHS 11, 12 (Vice President);
Spring Musical 9, 10, 11 (Choreographer);
12 (Choreographer); Student Council 11, 12;
Thespians
Elena Kocaska
Alexandra Kalbus
Stephen Kaveck

Kristina Kress
Valerie Lafata
Jacob Larson
Aaron Lewis
Raychel Lewis

Claire Lichnerowicz
Colton Littrell
Nathan Livingston
Alexander Lamell
Drake Laney



Seniors Matt Dogan and
Kaylan Knutsen give
a presentation in their
English class. **Photo by
Brittany Johnson**

James Lopez
 Nathaniel Lowery
 Kelley MacKoyak
 Gymnastics 9, 10; Junior Miss 11; Track and Field
 10, 11
 Jacob Maddack
 Ambrasio Maddack



Jesse Magana
 Ashley Majewski
 Jonathan Martinez
 Brandon Massom
 Sarah Mathewson
 Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleaders 12; ROTC 10; Spring
 Musical 12



Kaitlynn McCarty
 Ann-Marie McGee
 Kylie McGuire
 Choir 9, 12; Junior Miss 11; Spring Musical 10;
 Tennis 11; Variety Show 9, 10, 11, 12
 Jordan McHargue
 Alexander McWaters



A day in the life of Mike Sikora

(Student Body President)

6:15

"After waking up, I go back to sleep. I'm not too much of a morning person."

7:15

"I check my email and get my news on in Marvin's room."

12:15

"I eat school lunch and sit with 'the lunch crew'."

2:35

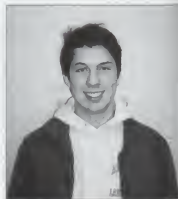
"I do whatever extra curricular activity I am participating in."

Varies

"Open up the oreos. ;)"

10:30

"I have nighttime conversations with my best bud."





William Melic
Jeffrey Mellon
Zachary Messina
Amanda Miller
Austin Miller



Cynthia Miller
James Miller
Jessica Miller
Lauren Mills
Shelby Milner



Max Mischke
Brett Misner
Tiffany Montes
Ashley Morris
NOLA 11, 12; Track and Field 10, 11
Clark Mussman
Basketball 9, 11, 12; Captains Council 12; Football
9, 10, 11, 12; OYM 12; Track and Field 11



Nadia Mabhan
Ethan Nadalski
Maritza Navarro
Matthew Neuber
Anthony Nuzzo
Paw Wow 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12



Keith O'Quinn
Amy O'Saben
Brianna Oakes-Cardon
Stephanie Oetman
Jason Ogle



Bethanie Olsen
Thomas Olson
Christopher Onda
Austin Orlich
Belinda Ortiz
Perfect Attendance, five years

Frederico Ortiz
Elizabeth Oswald
Rachel Overvall
Cheerleading 9, 10; Chair 9, 10, 11 (Vice
President); Fall Play 11, 12; Junior Miss (Top 12
Finalist) 11; Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12; Student
Council 9, 10; Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12
Alyssa Pacheco
Amanda Pacheco



Joseph Paczolt
Joseph Pagan
Hannah Pajar
Tiffany Palogy
Basketball 9, 10; Cross Country 10; Orchestra 9,
10, 11, 12; Track and Field 10, 11, 12
Veronica Paredes



Ann Parabek
Martin Pelaya
Jessenia Perez
Miranda Perez
John Perry



Donald Petraski
Perfect Attendance, one year
Cary Pfeiffer
Vincent Phillips
Mark Pickering
Ryan Pidgcan

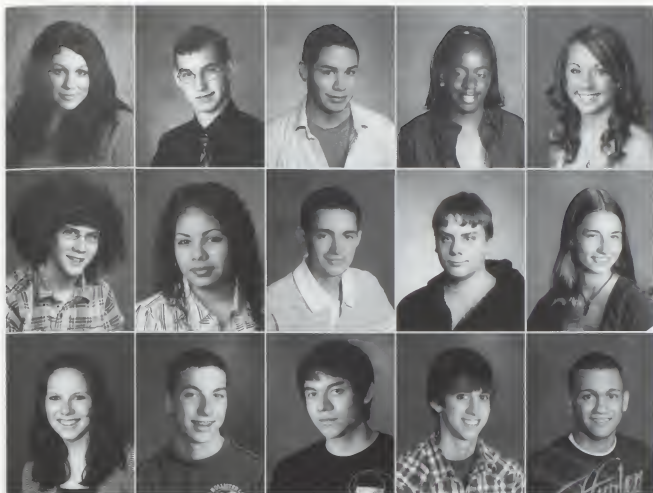


Laura Pieczynski
Jamie Piers
Aaron Poe
Justin Poe
Desiree Pride



Charles Prigge
Perfect Attendance, four years
Katherine Prohl
Matthew Propeck
Zachary Przbyts
Stephanie Puchalski





Cadey Polida
Andrew Guigg
Carson Rains
Ashley Randle El
Amanda Rapa
Basketball 9; HOSA 11, 12; Tennis 10; Volleyball
9, 10, 11, 12

Joshua Rayner
Deziraie Renavales
Kyle Reyna
Thomas Richards
Darcy Richardson
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FLHS 10; Junior Miss (Top 12
Finalist) 11; Marching Band (Section Leader) 9, 10;
NHS 11, 12; Pop Band 9, 10; Spring Musical 9, 10,
11, 12; Swimming and Diving 10, 11, 12

Samantha Richardson
William D. Rigdon
Fall Play 11; Football 9, 11; OYM 12
Ryan King
Corey Rivera
Eric Rivera



Seniors Clark Mussman,
Nathan Samano, Derek
Poznanski and Matt
Dogan, all part of
Outstanding Young Man,
goof off for a picture
before the finals. Photo
by Thales Camargo

Victorio Ilvero
 Katherine Rivich
 Heather Robinson
 Academic Team 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FLHS
 11; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Pep
 Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Science
 Olympiad 10, 11, 12; Swimming and Diving 9
 Jennifer Rocho
 Alexandro Rodriguez



Alfredo Rodriguez
 Anthony Rodriguez
 David Rodriguez
 Juan Rodriguez
 Samantha Rodriguez



James Ross
 Justin Ruiz
 Jennifer Sabie
 Darya Sodchikova
 Andrew Salinas



If only I could retake...

We asked 200 seniors to think about a class they would want to retake and why they would want to retake that particular class.

56% said it was because they really loved the class

4% said it was because they didn't do so hot the first time

20% said it was because they did okay, but could do much better

20% said they live with no regrets; there are no classes they want to retake



David Samaniega II
 Nathan Samano
 Captains Council 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; OYM
 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12
 Jonathan Sanchez
 Kalvin Sanchez
 Jahonathan Sandrey

Christopher Santos
 Kyle Schiller
 Jimmy Scott
 Amalia Shanks-Meile
 Brittney Shell

Joshua Sherraw
 Ashley Sholar
 Blake Showalterbaugh
 Michael Sikora
 Fall Play 9, 11, 12; Junior Class Club 11; Latin
 Gutter Club 9; OYM 12; Pew Wow 11, 12 (Managing
 Editor-Design); Spring Musical 11; Student Council
 9, 10, 11, 12 (President); The Greeks 11, 12
 Alejandra Simmons

Christopher Simmons
 Emily Smith
 Neil Smith
 Tyler Smith
 Hannah Smock

Jessica Sabacinski
 Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10; Charoliers 11
 (Secretary); 12 (Historian); Cross Country 9, 10;
 Fall Play 9; FHS 11, 12; Junior Class Club 11;
 Junior Miss (Top 12 Finalist) 11; Marching Band
 12; NHS 11, 12; Page Band 12; Quiz Bowl 11, 12;
 Spring Musical 9, 10, 11; Student Council 9, 10, 11,
 12 (Secretary)
 Stephanie Savers
 Heather Spence
 Kyle Spencer
 Alex Srednasekac

Ashlee Stanley
 Brittany Stanley
 Kelly Stanley
 Junior Miss 11; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Track and
 Field 9, 10
 Brandon Starr
 Richard Statler

Katie Steele
Alyssa Stevens
Sarah Stevenson
Jamie Stone
Samantha Stover



Dana Stronczek
Captains Council 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12;
Junior Miss 11
Dustin Sturgill
Terrence Sullivan
Jeffrey Suthers
Maggie Switzer



Megan Szabo
Captains Council 11, 12; FHS 11; NHS 12;
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Court 11, 12;
Swimming and Diving 9, 10, 11, 12
Robert Szala
Carolyn Tackett
Stephanie Talley
Kyle Tampler





Johnny Taylor
Brandon Terpstra
Rubin Thomas
Ashley Thompson
Basketball 9, 10, 12; Captains Council 11, 12;
NOSA 11, 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 12; Volleyball
(captain) 9, 10, 11, 12
Brianna Thompson

Michael Thornbury
Katelyn Tierman
Stephanie Timmons
Michael Tarres
Kyle Trzeciak
Orchestra (President, Zeta) 9, 10, 11, 12; GYM 12

Sarah Ann Tucker
Samantha Tylka
Nicholas Untch
Kadie Van Warmer
Klaya Vanbuskirk

Senior Aaron Ciesielski readies himself to replace a player on the court, while teammate and fellow senior Clark Mussman checks in with the announcer. **Photo by Jordan Steiger**



Leonel Vasquez
 Alicia Vega
 Junior 11; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
 Jasmin Villegas
 Tivan Waddell
 Cross Country 11, 12; Football 9; Track and Field
 9, 10, 11, 12
 Jessica Walton



Kenneth Watt
 Andrea Wantles
 Shane Weber
 Perfect Attendance, one year
 Zhuoxin Wei
 William Weinberger



Jessica West
 Cheer 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 9
 (Pit Orchestra); Swimming and Diving 11
 Lucas Wheeler
 Rabin Wheeler
 Larry Whiting
 Ashlee Whitten



Seniors Andrea Falk and
 Jessica Sobocinski pose for
 a picture in the commons
 area after school. Both
 girls were active members
 of Student Council. Photo
 by Ben Matthewson





Lauren Wigham
Jacob Wilkins
Alison Williams
Gavin Williams
Heather Williamson



Ashley Wilson
Britney Wilson
Leanna Williams
Jessica Wright
Kayla Wright
Captains Council 12; HOSA 11, 12; Junior Miss 11.
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12



Shawn Wright
Sherman Yancey
Chair 10, 11, Cheerleaders 10, Fall Play 10 (Crew);
Junior Class Club (Secretary) 11, Diversity Club
12, Quiz Bowl 9, ROTC 11, 12, Senior Class Club
(President) 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12
Amanda Yanushatis
Jaan Yang
John Zapata



Hally Zaragaza
Donald Zarych
Krystyna Zatarski
Valerie Zielinski
Chair 9, 10 (Treasurer), 11 (Treasurer), 12
(President); FLMS 11; Junior Miss 11; Spring
Musical 10 (Chorus)
Elizabeth Ziulkowski



Jackson Zyla

Junior Emily Carpenter gets the job done



They say when you're older you will look back on the memories of high school years. In order to have them, you have to make them. Junior Emily Carpenter is doing just that.

Throughout her high school career she has been extremely active in her school. Being involved in organizations such as National Honor Society, Student Council, Prom Committee, and Book Club. It is like she never takes a break.

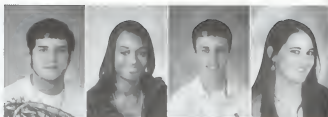
"I've done so many things with so many different clubs, that I would definitely consider this year my favorite so far," junior Emily Carpenter said.

As this year's Junior Class president she was behind the scene in planning many events such as the Homecoming, Prom Fashion and Expo Show, selling prom tickets, and much more. During Homecoming her class was awarded with the spirit stick for the third year in a row.

Emily is also an extremely successful student at Portage High School. She is scheduled to graduate in June of 2010 with an academic honors diploma, and follow with a very successful life.

Story by Liz Broadie

Chase Adams
Siara Adams
Kyle Adkins
Amanda Alasauskas



Stephanie Alves
Sean Alvey
Courtney Anderson
Ariel Andresen



Brianna Angarala
Irene Angulana
Kaitlyn Antal
Justin Anteki



Caleb Anthanijiz
Joshua Appleton
Albert Arnold
Brittany Arriaza



Nicholas Arroya
Alexis Asher
Amanda Ashford
Ricardo Assis



Stephen Ayers
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Alec Back
Joel Bailey

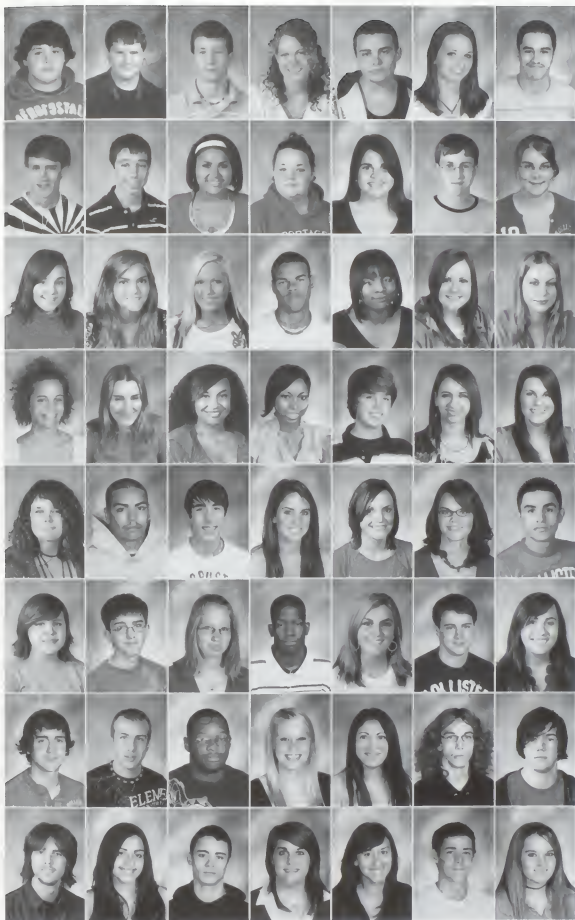


Joseph Bain
Shatora Banks
Nicholas Baroba
Benjamin Barnes



Denisha Barnes
Emily Barnes
Robin Barnes
Sarah Barrado





Thomas Barrett
 Kyle Bartolac
 Christopher Barton
 Verena Baten
 Rico Batista
 Nicole Bauer
 Kevin Baumann

Kyle Bauske
 Cady Beal
 Briano Beasley
 Kelsey Beck
 Stephanie Bedalow
 Ryan Bell
 Amanda Benson

Katharina Bergant
 Lauren Berman
 Kailey Berryman
 Calvin Best
 Amber Biddings
 Taylor Billings
 Autumn Birkmeyer

Rami Bishop
 Alyssa Black
 Julissa Blackman
 Auriel Blackwell
 Nicholas Bligh
 Brittany Bogdan
 Ashley Boger

Alexandra Bolin
 Carlos Bonillo
 Anthony Bowen
 Megan Brommer
 Annette Brantley
 Mallory Bridges
 Armanda Briones-Tejeda

Candace Broadie
 Brenden Brown
 Catherine Brown
 Erwin Brown
 Danielle Bryan
 Wesley Buckmaster
 Meo Buño

Aaron Burchom
 Gregory Burchuk
 Marcus Bush
 Courtney Byrd
 Miryam Cabrales
 Michael Calhoun
 Angela Canter

Kyle Canterbury
 Angelina Cardenas
 Joe Cornell
 Emily Carpenter
 Karaline Cortogeno
 Brandon Carter
 Dawn Coudill

Timothy Cowthon
Ashley Chojo
Vincent Chandler
David Charnetzky
Luis Chavez
Shelby Ciano
Cody Closton



Matthew Clifford
Melvin Callazo
John Callier
Carlos Colon
Dominique Colunga
Cary Concoby
Jacob Cook



Kristin Cooper
Dylan Coran
Courtney Carbett
Shannon Corcoran
Jonathan Cox
Megan Cox
Kiara Craaks

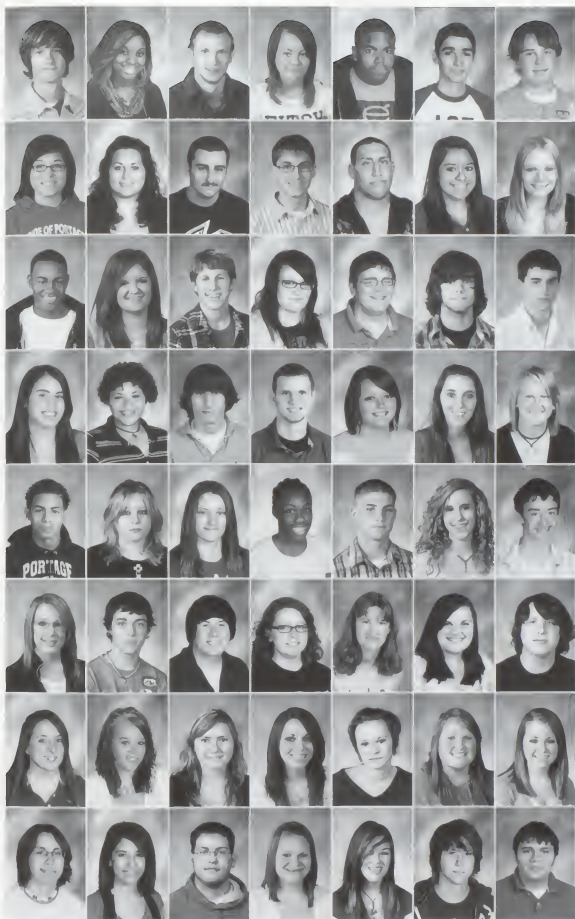


Tiffany Croy
Alexis Crump
Michelle Culp
Jonathan Cunningham
Matthew Cunningham
Nicole Dabrowski
Zachery Daggett



Junior Cammie Manoski
works diligently on her
school work for Mrs.
Goebel's U.S. History
Class.
Photo by Liz Broadie





Jonathan Dahlin
Darien Davis
John Davis
Maryah Davis
Micah Davis
Thales Decamarga
Luke Deckard

Elizabeth Delacruz
Rebecca Delacruz
Louis Delean
Matthew Demmond
Mark Devyak
Yvette Diaz
Michelle Dingman

Demonte Dinkins
Seiche Dogan
Evan Dominguez
Amanda Donnelly
Roger Driver
Daniel Drummond
Randel Drummond

Alexandria Duarte
Katherine Dwyer
Kyle Eastman
Sean Edwards
Amanda Elkins
Amber Elkins
Tara Ellis

Eric Espinosa
Alyssa Evetts
Kalynn Ewing
Jabria Ezell
Wayne Fagan
Ashley Farley
Micah Farley

Cheyenne Farr
Patrick Farrell
Timothy Fausto
Sara Feehan
Amanda Fengya
Sarah Ferguson
Cody Fields

Taylor Fields
Nicole Fine
Christina Fink
Larna Fink
Malena Finney
Ashley Fisch
Julie Fletcher

Miguel Flores
Sarah Flores
Christopher Farney
Amanda Fortenberry
Tyler Foster
Christopher Frahm
Maria Franco

Courtney Franklin
Johnathon Franklin
Traci Franklin
Kyle Fraticelli
Lauren Freeman
Jennifer Fultz
Emma Ganske



Kenny Garcia
Steven Garcia
Jesse Garibaldi
Christopher Garus
Devin Garus
Corey Garzella
Karalyn Gayton



Timothy Gehrels
Sharon Gil
Kimberly Gilbert
Ashlee Glliam
Andrea Glancy
Nathan Gland
Ashley Goldsmith



Frank Gonzales
Carrie Gonzalez
Cristina Gonzalez
Eric Gonzalez
Katelynn Goweri
Jaselin Granillo
Eric Gray



Keith Gray
Rachelle Gray
Natalie Griffin
Kelly Grish
Anthony Grochowski
Malasha Guajarda
Raven Gue



Justin Guerrero
Carlos Gutierrez
Rebecca Hajduk
Danielle Hakes
Amy Halford
Dylan Hall
Timothy Hall



Desi Handley
Robert Hanna
Trevor Hardiek
Marcel Hardin
Nicole Harnung
Jaime Haro
McKenzie Harsha



Breanne Harvey
Arzell Hathorne
Adam Hawkins
Cary Hebda
Bradley Heckman
Megan Henderson
Danielle Henson





Sarah Herald
Jennifer Hernandez
Pedro Hernandez
Brandon Herrera
Frank Herrera
Jacklyn Herrman
Jameela Higgins

Courtnee Hilton
Maria Hinson
Matthew Hitt
Rabecca Hoodreoo
Janiro Hofer
Zachory Hoggard
Michael Hoover

Michael Hord
Starla Howe
Michael Howell
Tiffany Hughes
Bradley Huislinga
Eriberto Hultzer
Tiffany Humble

Damion Hunt
Lindsey Hutchins
Alberto Irizarry
Erin Jackson
David Jockowski
Domenyk Jackson
James Jackson



"[She] has to be intelligent,
and have a great sense of
humor." -Jacob Cook, 11

"I want a man like Willy
Wonka candy. Sweet
to the extreme, and
never-ending like
Gobstoppers." -Rachel
Jordan, 11



What do you look for in a significant other?



"[She has] humor, good
personality, smart, and
other than that, whatever."
-Joe Kyle, 11

"[He] has to be intelligent,
[with] a good personality."
-Amanda Munez, 11



Kayla Jacobs
Janet Jagiela
Zachary James
Nathan Jania
Katelyn Janiga
Candace Janis
Amber Jetmund

Jennifer Jett
Lecara Jett
Eric Jimenez
Thomas Jimenez
Abigail Jaffre
Aramis Johnson
Brittany Johnson

Chanel Johnson
Daniel Johnson
Kristopher Johnson
Rhashawn Johnson
Daniel Jones
Marcus Jones
Michael Jones

Nicholas Jones
Rachel Jordan
Nappawan Junyanid
Brandon Kalch
Andrea Kaminski
Ryan Kaminski
Andrew Keil



Juniors Sarah Herald and
Lauren Freeman make a
speech together at this
years Soap Box Rally.
Photo by Alec Bac





Shelby Keith
Jeffery Kelley
Sean Kimes
Aaron King
Mally Kirby
Cristina Kladis
Amanda Klenk

Paige Kniola
Kyle Knotts
Daniel Komenda
Alexander Kaneary
Jacqueline Kapcha
Kyle Kremke
Dylan Lafrance

Curtis Lane
Travis Larson
Sarah Leach
Alexander Ledford
Eric Lee
Samantha Legault
Jonathan Lehmann

Alexander Linville
Carrie Lipe
Christian Little
Avery Livingston
Kendrick La
Derek Logsdon
Armonda Lopez

Yvonne Lopez
Jacob Lowe
Damante Lawery
Michael Lynn
Timothy Mack
Nathaniel Malast
Jose Maldonado

Vanessa Maldonado
Amanda Maletta
Kyle Malone
Angelina Malott
Thomas Manning
Camille Manaski
Sarah Marcotte

Alysha Mardis
Andrew Marek
Terry Markwell
Ivan Martinez
Melissa Martinez
Natalie Martinez
Raul Martinez

Marla Mayfield
Cory McClellan
Jakkab McCormick
Kenneth McCoy
Nathan McCurdy
Jaslyn McDonald
Megan McFadden

Emtly McGroth
Melissa McNorton
Kevin Meadows
Alyssa Medlin
Nikolas Melendez
Desiroy Mendez
Myles Mendazo

Jessico Merry
Allison Mesarch
Nicholas Miceli
Kelsey Mikita
Frederick Milledge
Bonnie Miller
David Mills

Andrew Maehl
Tyler Monahan
Christopher Moore
Meranda Moore
Brittany Morales
Stephanie Morenz
Elizabeth Morey

Brittany Moritz
Luke Morris
Thomas Masley
Jaclyn Moss
John Mourani
Caitlan Mayers
Melisso Mula



What did you want to accomplish this year?



"I want everyone at this school to know my name, no matter what I have to do."

-Emily Smolen, 11



"This year, I really want to begin persuing my dreams, as well as standing up finchingly for what I believe in." **-Jack Collier, 11**

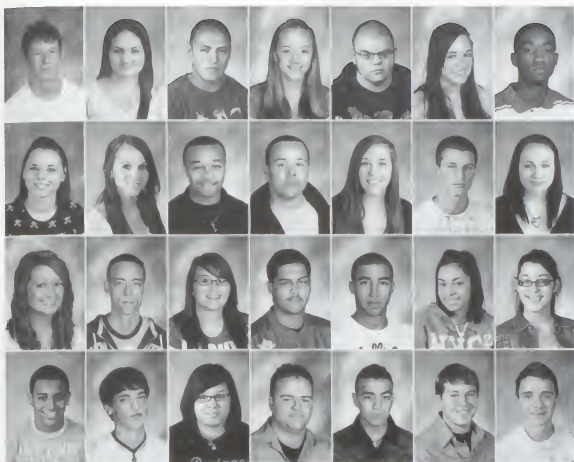


"If I could just get everyone at PHS to be cool, calm, and collect, and pass every class, I would be the happiest person ever."

-Alexander Posey, 11



"I would love to actually get A's and B's this year." **-Ashely Goldsmith, 11**



Thomas Mullins
Amanda Muniz
Luis Murillo
Autumn Murray
Eric Murray
Michelle Nafus
Dante Nelson

Jadi Newcomb
Sarah Newton
Anthony Nichols
Giovanni Nieves
Drewann Nobles
James Nolan
Kali Norfrey

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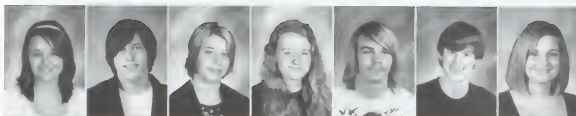
Kendall Owens
Dylan Ozbolt
Amanda Padilla
Jason Panazza
Israel Pantaja
Austin Parker
Seon Parpart



Junior Bri Wischman talks to this year's junior powder puff team, hoping to pump them up.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Anna Pasnicka
Steven Patterson
Tayla Patterson
Rebecca Paulson
Carey Peeler
Kyle Peksennak
Hope Pennington



Abigail Perofield
Tracey Perrine
Stephen Perry
Shinique Persons
Jacob Petretta
Cay Peyton
Dakota Pineda



Samantha Pira
Amanda Plebanski
Ashley Palak
Marissa Pallock
Alexander Passy
Nicole Potts
Rachel Paulidakis



Richard Pratt
Lucas Purcell
Lauren Quade
Adam Raber
Breanna Rajca
Victor Ramirez
Braelyn Rasco



Junior Kyle Peksennak
rocks on the drums for this
years Variety Show.
Photo by Thales Camargo





Amber Reed
Michael Reed
Nicholas Retherford
Jeffrey Reynolds
Justin Rhein
Claude Richardson
Paul Richardson

Jade Richey
Amber Riley
Olivia Rivera
Heather Robbins
Kelly Robbins
Alyssa Robinson
Alfonso Rodriguez

Dyalissa Rodriguez
Isabella Rodriguez
Janathon Rodriguez
Alexandria Roman
Victor Roman
Raisaida Rasada
Earlina Rasario

Joshua Rose
Casandra Rosen
Robert Rosen
Julian Rosilla
Coressa Rosperski
Christopher Russell
Jayme Russell

Keenan Ruzga
Samantha Sacek
Venda Sagita
Tonya Saklaczynski
Monique Samardak
Salvador Sanchez
Nikita Santos

James Savage
Jason Schaeffer
Richard Schaefer
Rachel Schest
Christopher Schreier
Randy Scobey
Mariza Serrano

Amanda Servaty
Jessica Shaffer
Cary Shane
David Sharp
Zachary Shay
Gabrielle Shears
Brandie Shell

Michael Shendrick
Ashley Sickles
Anna Simmons
Elizabeth Sims
Donald Skalka
Joel Skripac
Vanessa Slinker

Brittany Smeltzer
Ashley Smith
Casey Smith
Matthew Smith
Sarah Smith
Sharice Smith
Timothy Smith



Rhiannon Smolar
Emily Smolen
Nikolas Snow
Christine Solis
Lamia Solite
Nathan Summers
Joyne Spencer



Rebeka Spicker
David Spurrier
Kristyn Stanfield
Lindsey Stanford
Ethan Steele
Jordan Steiger
Tia Stephenson



Courtney Stallman
Kayla Stone
Mallory Stowers
Carney Stutler
Jacob Sullivan
Jamie Sullivan
Carl Summerhill



Cole Summers
Nicole Sutton
Megan Swick
Gary Tarr
Giavanni Taylor
Erica Tellez
Hally Tharp



Clarissa Thomas
Mon Trill Thomas
Ryan Thompson
Robert Thorne
Jamila Thurmond
Stephanie Tibbs
Cameron Tolman



Damien Tarres
Michael Tarres
Robert Tavar
Terry Townsend
Chelsea Trader
Bret Trowbridge
Meagan Trujillo



Michael Trujillo
Adam Tschida
Ashley Tulacz
Stephanie Tyrka
Brendan Umbs
Stacia Upton
Allan Urbanczyk





Haley Urquidí
Charles Vandenburgh
Lauren Vandersteen
Kathleen Vangilder
Ashley Vanover
Alexis Velez
Daniel Velez

Andrew Vicari
Ezra Vickrey
Andrew Vild
Shawna Vizená
James Walla
Dominique Walton
Dylan Ward

Brittanie Warren
Mary Waters
Heather Watson
Samantha Weaver
Thomas Webber
Christopher Weber
Ian Weber

Brandon Welbourne
Carlissa West
Cassandra Wheeler
Lauren Whitman
Nicholas Whitney
Andrea Wick
Kayla Wilken

Alexandra Williams
Cassie Williams
Jeffrey Williams
Margan Williams
Shelby Williams
Tyler Williams
Iramiya Williams-Gary

Sterling Williamson
Courtney Wilson
David Wilson
Justin Wilson
Taylor Wilson
Brianna Wischman
Hannah Wise

Jordan Witten
Mark Woolum
Jasmine Wright
Laura Wright
Ryan Wright
Shyanne Wright
Alexander Yong

Nicholas Young
Michael Zajcek
Jasmin Zamora
Brian Zarakas

Dixon finds time for three sports, school



Outside of school, sophomore Jacob Dixon is just your normal guy.

Dixon says he spends his time hanging out with his friends and family, just as any other teenager would do.

However, during school hours, which for Dixon sometimes last long after the bell rings, he is known for being a three-sport athlete.

According to Dixon, his three sports include football, basketball and track.

Dixon gives credit to his father and his friends for helping him enjoy all of his sports so much.

"My dad is a major influence on why I love playing the sports I do," Jacob said, "but I also would say my friends draw me to play."

Despite being involved in three sports, which take up much of his spare time, he still manages to find the time to keep his grades up, according to his teachers.

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Alexander Abbott
Austin Ackermann
Alexander Acosta
Luis Acuna

Walter Adams
Timothy Ahner
Danielle Ainsane
Sabrina Alaniz

Hilaria Alicea III
Craig Alley
Clarissa Alvarez
Yessenia Alvarez

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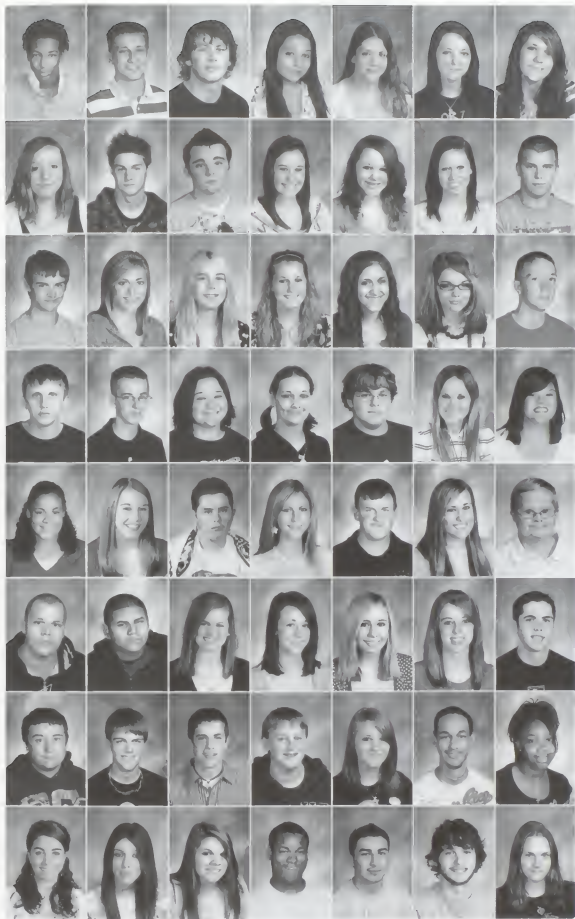
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Amanda Bach
Amara Bailey
Jennifer Bailey

April Baker
Enrique Balerini
Brian Barnes
Megan Barner





Ambassador Barnes
Michael Barnes
Allen Barrett
Tiffany Barrientez
Ashley Barton
Raleigh Basich
Taylor Basich

Chassity Bauswell
Dillon Beaudry
Tyler Beck
Kendra Becker
Madison Becker
Samantha Becker
Kiefer Beghtel

Matthew Bell
Stephanie Benak
Angel Berg
Carly Bernes
Diana Bernal
Elizabeth Berns
Michael Berridge

Zachary Berti
Charles Bertola
Randi Bigheart
Heidi Bilderback
Zachary Bish
Ashley Blastick
Clarissa Blazek

Tari Bliss
Eleanor Bloom
Ethan Boehm
Amanda Bogalin
Tyler Bohling
Paige Bomba
James Bowen

Steven Bowling
Heriberto Brava
Jarden Breesley
Ashley Brinneh
Jani Brown
Jordan Brown
Tyler Brown

Donald Brownfield
Michael Brunner
Michael Budz
Joshua Bugarin
Ashley Burbee
Fernanda Burgos
Mary Burnett

Kaytlynd Burns
Caitlyn Burr
Rita Burton
Anthony Byrom
Marco Cabrales
Scott Cairns
Stephanie Call

Zachary Camel
Lauren Campbell
Leonard Campbell
Sean Campbell
Kyle Carliatta
Tristram Carr
Grace Castimer



Erin Cassidy
Juan Castaneda
Elisa Castilla
Cory Castor
Christopher Cather
Joseph Cepaiski
Llane Cesaro



Nicholas Chaja
Erica Chambers
Lauren Chambers
Daniel Chavez
Gesenio Chavez
Heather Cheek
Allen Cheng



Taylor Chenaweth
Christian Cherry
Allida Ciesielski
Abigail Clark
Dalton Clark
Joshua Clay
Lyndsi Clay



How does it feel to be in the East Building?



"It's still school, so I don't really know. But I do feel kinda special!"
-Melissa Murry, 10



"It's way too hot, the walls that fold should be taken out. Real walls should be put in there ASAP!"
- Aaron Eastridge, 10



"It's okay, I like West way better, the teachers over there are awesome and I don't like East because there is 3 floors. "Way too much walking!" - Mike Barnes, 10



"Being in East is much better because everybody is much more mature, but it's really nothing special because it's still school."
-Ashley Minder, 10



Catherine Clem
Jason Cochran
Andrew Gady
Jonathan Caffing
Adam Cuffman
Tyler Coleman
Natasha Collins

Jeremy Calvin
Tavanna Cambs
MacAlester Connors
Megan Connors
Richard Contreras
Brandon Coppinger
Desiree Craig

Jeffrey Craig
Brandon Crandall
Brooklyn Creech
Kayla Crews
Hayley Crafton
Tiffany Cross
Kevin Crowe

Mitchell Cray
Lindy Crum
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Cameron Curley
William Curry
Jessica Dabrowski

Megan Dalby
Thomas Daman
Sarah Davies
Zachary Davies
Cali Davis
Adrianna Davis-Coca
Jonathan De St Jean

Brittany Delean
Christina Delturca
Thomas Derr
Chelsea Devault
Courtney Deweese
Kyle Diaz
Sarah Dienes

Jacob Dixon
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Galen Daan
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Trent Doud
Dylan Dawden

Kyle Dranchak
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Jesse Duque
Amber Dusard
Daniel Dutton

Darren Duvall
Benjamin Dvorscak
Aaron Eastridge
Nicolas Echevarria
Kaden Edmonds
Dustin Edwards
Alexandra Elisha



Michael Elkins
Samantha Elkins
David Elliott
Gergory Ellis
Robert Emmart
Matthew Emmons
Angel Encinas



Richard Espino
Linda Esquivel
Nicholas Etheridge
Abigail Evans
Danielle Evans
Kristy Evans
Kylie Evans



Eric Ewing
Ras Falk
Bernadette Fannin
Jonathan Feliciano
Roy Ferrer
Johnny Figueroa
Michelle Figueroa



Reinaldo Figueroa
Haley Fine
Christopher Fink
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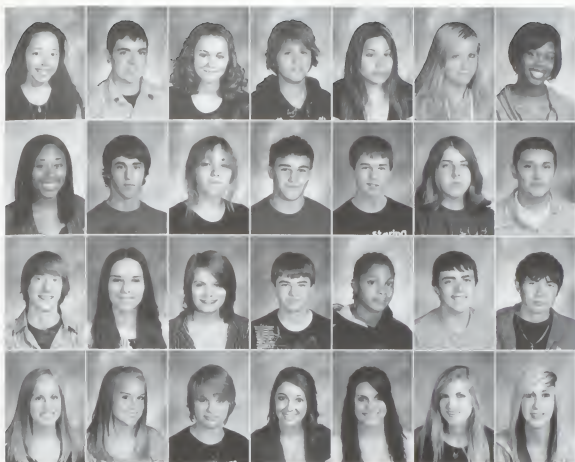


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Dominic Garcia
Sydney Garland
Ericka Garneau
Daniel Gasaway



Ashlee Gast
Lazher George
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Jessica Gerstner
Derke Gertzen
Kevin Gibson
Breasha Gilbert





Jacquelyn Clivens
Jacob Glass
Christina Galden
Bianca Gonzalez
Maribel Gonzalez-Martin
Heather Goodman
Daria Goodwan

Klara Gashoy
Derrick Graves
Deide Greider
Derek Gresser
Chandler Griffin
Richard Griffin
Jordan Grindey

Justin Grzelak
Alexandria Guerra
Elizabeth Guglielmini
Greg Gurrula
Alyssa Hale
Jonathan Hall
Kevin Hall

Andrea Hallmen
Ashley Hallmen
Tia Hammerstein
Megan Hammons
Sarah Handley
Lisa Harbaugh
Brittany Harman

Sophomores Jen Bailey and
Kendra Becker took time out of
their lunch to make sure they see
the school's comfort dog, "Prince"
everyday. Photo by Alec Bac



Ashley Harris
Elizabeth Harris
Megan Harris
Autumn Hebda
Michael Henry
Sarah Hensley
Alicia Hernandez



Irving Hernandez
Jasmine Hernandez
Elizabeth Hicke
Sunrise Hill
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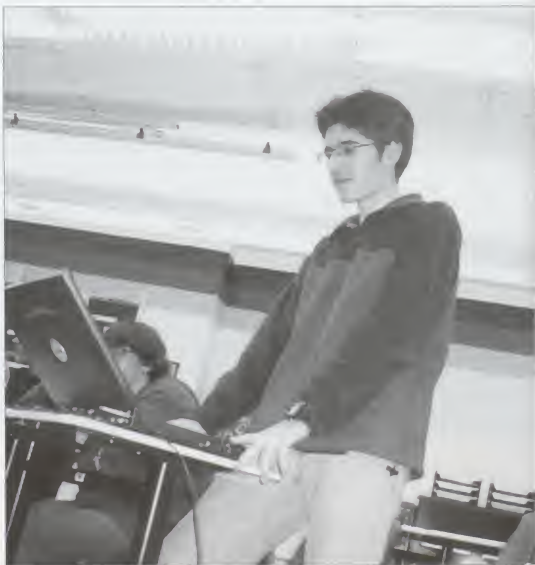
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Jacquelyn Huber
Jeramie Hughes
Nathaniel Huzar
Matthew Hunter
Jonathan Hurst



Zachary Huston
Megan Hylton
Briana Igras
Michelle Illiff
Kylie Ingersoll
Simone Ingram
Cody Jackson



Sophomore Kyle Timmerman types up the constitution for the German Club. Portage High School hosted a number of other language groups, including French Club, Spanish Club and Latin Club. **Photo by Kendra Becker**





Deandre Jackson
Daniel Jarasak
Davilyn Jarvis
Steven Jeffrey
Jai Quel Jenkins
Tarra Jenkins
Sierra Jimenez

Jessica Joganic
Briana Johnson
Danielle Johnson
Darrian Johnson
Nathan Johnston
Alex Jones
Lawrence Jones

Ashley Jordan
Jonathan Jordan
Joseph Juhasz
Haley Kado
Kristin Kalch
Ashley Kazen
Valerie Keehn

Donald Keelick
Taylor Kibbale
Kilian Kidd
Stacy Kidwell
Brandon King
Jabria King
Joseph Kirk

What is your best excuse to use when you want to get out of a bad date?



"Honestly, i don't like you,
you're not my type at all."
- Michelle Sabich, 10



"Um, I'm gonna have to
call this quits, but thanks
for the few nice seconds."
-Dylan Hall, 10



"I got an M&M stuck up
my nose, so I'm gonna
have to be going."
- Jimmy Mokol, 10



"Hey I really don't think
we have a great connec-
tion, so I think we should
be friends. So you can
take m home now. Sorry."
-Cristy Rivera, 10

Benjamin Kiser
 Brianna Kiser
 Alyssa Knaga
 Kurt Knudsen
 Allison Kaedyker
 Jeffery Kalbus
 Bryce Komenda



Natalie Karpak
 Jessica Kazlowski
 Timothy Kravick
 Colleen Kucawara
 Joseph Loczkowski
 Jeremy Langman
 Frederick Langston



Cassandra Larimore
 Katrina Larson
 Sabrina Lattanzi
 Sabrina Laviana
 Alan Lawson
 Megan Layton
 James Leary



Tyler Lella
 Amanda Lenover
 Andrew Lesser
 Nicole Leveritt
 Jack Lewis
 Keith Lewis
 Leland Lewis



Nicholas Lewis
 Tanya Lewis
 Jordan Linville
 Alexandra Litke
 Jordan Lively
 Cody Logsdan
 Anthony Lorneli



Kenneth Longfellow
 Christopher Lapez
 William Lowe
 Samantha Laza
 Jake Luciana
 Russell Lukasius
 Maranda Lundy



Danielle Lynch
 Narmia MacCo
 Briana Maddax
 Brianne Majewski
 Christina Major
 Stefanie Malkimos
 James Mancilla



Timothy Manning
 Cody Marczewski
 Ashlee Markle
 Alexander Marsh
 Cody Martin
 Alexander Martinez
 Marielena Martinez





Mayra Martinez
Nika Martinez
Benjamin Mathewson
Christopher Mathis
Cary Mayberry
Aaron McCart
Kelsie McClellan

Charles McCloud-Smith
Angela McCannhey
Cheyenne McCormick
Jacob McCumber
Alyssa McDowell
Jessica McElfresh
Erika McEwan

Kristie McFry
Steven McGucken
De'shalaye McKinney
Marissa McQueen
Amber Medanich
Eric Melic
Janathon Mendez

Jaue Mendez
Kaitlyn Mendez
Egan Mergl
Callen Mesich
Jeffrey Miller
Maverick Miller
Olivia Miller



Sophomore and newspaper staff writer Ashley Pezan separates copies of the *Pow Wow* into stacks of ten so they can be distributed to classrooms around the school. Photo by Kendra Becker

Stephen Miller
Sydney Miller
Kayla Mills
Ashley Minder
Sameeh Mirza
Alexander Mischke
Diamond Mitchell



Kierra Mitchell
Zachary Wlynski
Jeremy Macabee
Brittany Mock
James Makal
MacKenzie Morales
Terry Mareau



Taylor Mareland
Allison Marey
Benedict Marls
Grace Marlis
Megan Marlis
Christopher Morrison
Matthew Maser-Austin



Alanna Massell
Roberta Mata
Tarra Mattson
Anita Mourani
Jacquelyn Mayers
Gabriel Myers
Sarah Nadalski



How will you live up the the "Spirit Stick 3-Peat" Junior Class?



"Compared to this years Junior homcoming float, next years is going to be so tight!
-Cassie Larimore, 10



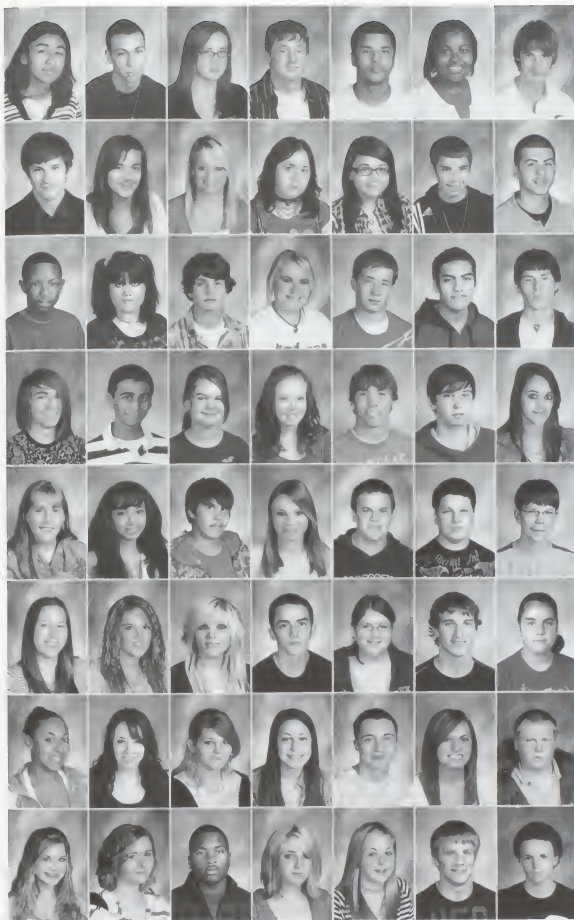
"To not be such jerks like the current Juniors"
-Eric Ewina, 10



"I'm definately going to try to be more poliet to the younger generations.
-Eric Ewina,10



"Come up with a better prom theme!"
-Liz Harris, 10



Adrian Negrete
Miguel Negroni
Hannah Neuberg
Cosey Newcomb
Peter Newlin
Angelico Nicholson
Jonathan Nae

Matthew Nardyke
Corina Nunez
Crystal Oor
Karissa Olson
Alexandria Ornelas
Rafael Orta-Gonzalez
Orlando Ortiz

Christopher Owens
Stephanie O'Mahoney
Marcus O'Reilly
Brittany Palla
Christian Papageorge
Lorenzo Parker
Jacob Parrish

Christopher Pastoriza
Porth Patel
Alyssa Patterson
Ashley Pough
Tristan Peerman
Dalton Peek
Susano Peno

Notasha Pepper
Alexie Perez
Isaac Perez
Brittney Perkins
Cameron Peters
Colton Petrascki
Adam Petya

Ashley Pezon
Caro Pfeiffer
Emily Phillips
Joshua Pidgeon
Giesela Pierce
Lucas Piner
Michelle Plance

Shokila Pletko
Mariah Pol
Samantha Polak
Erika Pope
Ryan Pope
Allison Poznonski
Brandon Price

Jessica Price
Megan Price
Travis Price
Jessica Propeck
Ashlee Prusynski
Samuel Puchalski
Austin Punskey

Chad Purcell
Brittany Quiroz
Nicholas Radtke
Brian Rak
Nathan Roman
Melissa Rance
Courtney Rondolph



Matthew Razus
Sarah Reid
Gerald Rensina
Dinas Reyna
Gabrielle Rhoads
Bria Ringa
Trey Rivas



Daniel Rivera
Fianne Rivero
Katolina Rivero
Vaneshca Rivero
Vaneshlie Rivero
Cristy Rivera-Lopez
Seon Roberts



Megan Robinson
Renishia Robinson
Billy Rodriguez
Briano Rodriguez
Cynthia Rodriguez
Joseph Rodriguez
Jimmy Rogers



Jose Rojas
Maricruz Rojas
Jose Roma
Katherine Rose
Shoronda Ross
Damien Rossborn
Zackory Rote



Toro Rawland
McKenzie Ruiz
Devon Rushing
Michelle Sobich
Rebekah Solkin
David Sanchez
Clarice Sanders



Tiffany Sanders
Daniel Santana
Jasue Santiago
Kelsey Santiago
Alissa Soss
Keith Sasser
Ashley Satonek



Adriana Saucedo
Bobbi Saylor
Elizabeth Saylor
Corey Scher
Michael Schiller
Bethany Schimo
Patrick Schinella





Brittany Schneider
Rachel Schoon
Nicholas Scott
Michelle Shafer
Albert Shane
Paul Shane
Lee Sheehan

Brittany Shelton
Trevor Shuffard
Ricardo Silva
Diantra Simpson
Jeremy Siskus
Brandon Sirbas
Danielle Sischa

Jocelyn Sloan
Kyle Smart
Andrew Smith
Ashley Smith
Bianca Smith
Brandon Smith
Nathaniel Smock

Richard Sneed
Alyssa Snook
Jersica Soneson
Kylie Soneson
Matthew Sowers
Jesse Spillers
Lyssa Springman

Sophomore Issac Perez takes pride in PHS band while playing the drums. Perez was practicing with the rest of the band for their spring concert.
Photo by Mellisa Deavers



Taylor Srednaselac
Allison Stacy
Rachel Stanley
Timothy Stanton
Melissa Steinburg
Brandon Stemple
Ashley Stepaniak



Ariel Stepanovich
Jonathan Stephens
Matthieu Sternberg
Samantha Stevenson
Arielle Stevenson-Hunte
Kara Stewart
Brandon Stockstill



Detrek Suggs
Justin Suggs
Karlie Sullivan
Cody Sult
Lawrence Sutton
Christopher Swier
Brendan Swindle



Emily Szymanski
Timothy Talley
Clarissa Talmadge
David Tamiotta
Kyle Tampier
Jacob Tapper
Jeremiah Tautges



Jeremy Tauges
Shelby Taylor
Ashley Terry
Taby Thomas
Kyle Timmerman
Joseph Todd
Ashley Toney



Crystal Trinidad
Cynthia Trujillo
Kayla Turner
Andrew Tutill
Christopher Vale
Stacie Valla
Kristin Vandersteen



Todd Varanekas
Taylor Vardaman
India Vasquez
John Vasquez
Jordan Vasquez
Victoria Vaughan
Zachary Vaughan



Daniel Vela
Estrella Vera
Breanna Villanueva
Aaron Vitzena
Andrea Waddell
Ashley Waddell
Brian Walker





Kayla Wallace
Andrea Ware
Brittany Watts
Nathan Waugh
Haley Weathers
Brian Weaver
Jeffery Webb



Alexis Weber
Brittany Weber
John Weger
Brandon Welp
Brianna West
Christina West
Meagan West



Clinton Wright
Justin Wilkerson
James Wilkins
Alana Williams
Daniel Williams
Dawn Williams
Kelly Williams



Rabyn Williamson
Daniel Wilson
Jacob Wirick
William Wirth
Jason Wishba
Ke'Andre Withther
Robert Wood



Roy Woodard
Jawanza Woods
Nichalus Warman
Joshua Wright
Stephanie Wright
Jashua Wurster
Jashua Yakel



David Ybarra
Kylee Yeomans
Sarah Yingst
Adam Yark
Seth Young
David Zack
Mercedes Zambrana



Amanda Zick
Tyler Zilz
Eric Zimmerman
Michael Zmija

Jackson keeps freshmen involved

For most students, their freshman year of high school is somewhat scary. Whether it is the change in scenery, or the higher level of learning, it can be hard for the students to adapt and fit in with the new school. However, some students found a way to beat the freshman blues: Get involved!

Morgan Jackson, the freshman class president, did just that to make her freshman year easier and more memorable.

"I wanted to get my class excited and involved! I didn't want to be in a class that just sat around and did nothing. Being in a class full of deadweights seemed very unappealing and I knew our class could do better than that," Jackson said.

She enjoys working with the other freshman officers to plan and put together school events.

"The fact that my other officers have been my good friends since middle school really helps. We know how to communicate with each other and we keep each other in check. I love my officers," Jackson said.

Gabriel Aceveda
Demetrius Adams
Devin Adams



Lindsey Adams
Suraiya Al-Majjar
Tyler Albee



Michael Allbritten
Deborah Allcock
Ashlee Allen



Dejuan Allen
Kayla Allen
Lauryn Alyea



Seth Andresen
Arthur Angulana
Steven Appleton



Mariah Armstrong
Garett Austin
Bethany Ayers



Alec Ayres
Shelby Bailey
Tyrell Bailey



Peter Banczak
Devonte Banks
Jordan Barnes





Jessica Barnett
Dominique Batista
Andrew Bauer
Megan Bauswell
Taylor Bayer
Breana Beal
Bobby Beals

Alexis Becerra
Carey Beck
Victoria Belue
Stephanie Benjamin
Kevia Bennett
Trisha Bennett
Nicholas Berkhout

Clark Berryman
Alvin Best
Halley Bingham
Jordan Bires
Jonah Bishop
Danielle Black
Nakiel Blackwell

Robert Blackwell
Anna Blaszak
Raven Blevins
Joel Bogdan
Kitt Bales
Amber Balin
Chance Baney

Ashley Banzan
Sarah Barchert
Jacob Bathwell
Sara Battari
Alexandria Bowen
Jeffrey Bowen
Austen Bowman

Hayley Bradford
Aza Braner
Car Braner
James Brasseur
Alygail Brock
Christopher Brock
Andrew Brown

Dustin Brown
Erica Brown
Jayshan Brown
Jordan Browning
Joseph Brazil
Christopher Bruno
Justin Bruns

Shelby Bryniarski
Katie Buckland
Sammy Buckley
Jerry Bufard
Jason Bugarin
Brittnee Burcham
Ian Burke

Paige Burnham
 Jessica Bush
 Alexandra Bustos
 Caitlyn Byrd
 Taylor Cable
 Dylan Cairns
 Emil Cakardic-Valent



Cristina Camacho
 Felicia Campbell
 Dominic Carlisle
 Nina Carlisle
 Tevin Carlisle
 Alexis Carrasco
 Stacy Carroll



Courtney Cash
 Megan Cassidy
 Crystal Costrejon
 Jessica Cowthon
 Raquel Cervantes
 Nicholas Chambers
 Jacob Cheky



Jacob Cherry
 Dylan Church
 Kelli Cicillian
 Brianne Cipich
 Jeremy Clark
 Kyle Clay
 Megan Clifford





Nichole Clayd
Daniel Coffman
Donavan Cale
Nelson Collozo
Christian Calon
Jared Calvin
Michelle Comerford

Carissa Cangias
Erin Connelly
Travis Conrad
Destiny Cooley
Victorio Cooper
Christopher Coots
Moriish Cormier

Adrianna Carrea
Billy Craft
Brian Creech
Cheyenne Crofoot
Shayo Crofton
Ryon Crum
Lisondra Cruz

Xavier Cruz
Enrique Cuoneti
Kori Culp
Arielle Cummings
Kathryn Cunningham
Stephanie Cunningham
Tyler Currin

Freshman Morgan Jackson
speaks to the crowd at the
Soap Box Rally at Gilbert
Park in Portage. The Portage
Youth Commission hosted the
event in support of the First
Amendment. Photo by Alec
Back



Dennis Daily
David Davaney
Joyce Davenport
Amber Davis
Meranda Davis
Preston Dean
Kayla Dearing



Trey Dejohn
Erik Del Valle
Kimberly Delacruz
Vanessa Deleon
Kirsten Demass
James Demkovich
Jessica Derasse



Manica Diaz
Ruby Diaz
Sergia Diaz
Sierra Diaz
Charity Dill
Arlene Dable
Devan Doherty



Emily Dominguez
Hannah Dorman
Giavanna Doss
Margan Dougherty
Patrick Doyle
Nichole Droia
Thomas Duff



A group of freshmen from
the biology classes plant
flowers for Earth Day
behind the West building.
Photo by Jordan Steiger





Deanna Dukes
Shaelyn Duseandang
Melissa Duvall
Michael Dwyer
Nica Eason
Randall Eaton
Austin Edwards

Meghan Edwards
Rikki Effenoff
Kyle Ehlers
Brian Elkins
Bryanna Emerson
Katherine Engel
Wesley Engel

Michael Escue
Christina Esquivel
Krystin Evans
Matthew Evans
Angela Ewing
Chelsea Exl
Keeley Ferguson

Zachary Finger
Logan Fischer
Savanah Fischer
Shelby Fischer
Patric Fleeger
Robert Fleeger
Tracey Flores

Freshman Facts

Number of students: 645

Longest name: *Emil Cakardic-Valentim*

Dominique Ponce De Leon

Shortest name: *Lily Lin*

Most common male name: *Matthew*

Most common female: *Jessica*

Most common last name: *Johnson*

Jake Fartenberry
Rabin Fraley
Tyler Franklin
Steven Freeman
Othie Freeny
Mary Fulkerson
Crystal Fuller



Cody Gabriel
Erica Gaffney
Beatriz Galvan
Eric Gamblin
Alexis Garcia
Christian Garcia
Pablo Garcia



Brandon Gardenhire
Jeremy Gardner
Carlos Garza
Joshua Garza
Sarah Gaskin
Steven Gayton
Kaitlin Geary



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Paul Ganzaes
Allison Graveline
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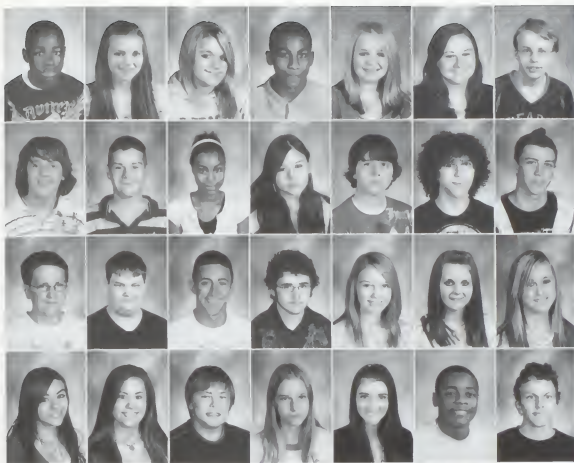


Lagan Gunnun
Savannah Gurley
Anyssa Gutierrez
Nickolas Gutierrez
Shawn Haak
Laruen Haddax
Garrett Hale



Marie Hallman
Danielle Hammond
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Gabriel Harden
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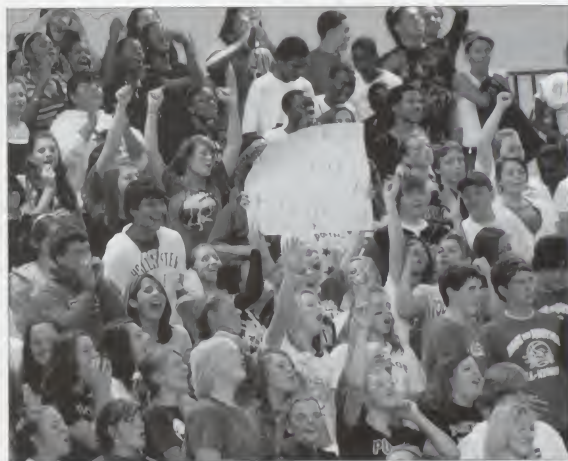


Avery Hargrave
Heather Hastings
Taylor Hatfield
Demarla Hathorne
Sidney Hawkins
Dana Haywood
David Heck

Christopher Helminak
Timothy Herrman
Dominique Herron
Ashley Hicks
Jacob Hill
Matthew Hill
Rena Hilton

Zachary Hinds
Cady Hixon
Denver Hallfield
Michael Holt
Brittney Happer
Sabrina Happer
Samantha Hucklebo

Ashley Huth
Olivia Ingram
Christian Ireland
Amber Jackson
Margan Jackson
Terrel Jackson
Brett Jacobs



The freshman class screams and cheers at the Pep Rally in the hopes of winning the Sprit Stick this year. Photo by Liz Broadie

Kelli Jacobs
Anthony Jonika
Alexondro Joniga
Richard Jeffrey
David Jercha
Timothy Jetmund
Alexis Johnson

Alli Johnson
Amber Johnson
Andrew Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Hunter Johnson
Jaylyn Johnson
Jennifer Johnson

Joseph Johnson
Justin Johnson
Cody Jones
Darryl Jones
Jim Jones
Tegan Jones
Nikolo Kojmokoski

Craig Kallas
Cyle Keesee
Megan Kalemian
Andrew Kemper
Charles Kenealy
Kelcey Kerr
Brett Kilgore



What is your LEAST favorite thing about being a freshman?



"We get the crappier stuff and sometimes we get looked down on."
-**Stefanie Monastyrski, freshman**

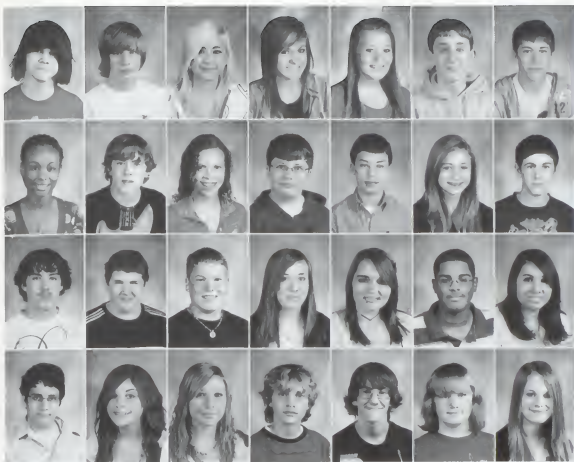
"WEARING PANTS!"
-**Erik DelValle, freshman**



"People calling some freshman 'stupid freshman.' The cafeteria isn't as good as the east cafeteria, either."
-**Zach Laskovich, freshman**

"We get pushed around a lot and have last choice in everything."
-**Stacy Carroll, freshman**





Michael Kilmer
Nicholas Kincaid
Samantha King
Sierra King
Brittany Kirk
Zachary Kizer
Kristofer Knies

Precious Knight
Richard Knoble
Keri Kochvar
Nicholas Komascar
Robert Koveck
Samantha Kozak
Christopher Kazlawski

Christopher Cranick
John Kravis
Brian Krug
Praine Kuplainen
Aubrei Laas
Giovanni Labay
Samantha Labay

Brad Lafato
Angela Lafronza
Brandi Lokamek
Cary Lamping
Zachary Laskovich
Jacob Lauritzen
Kaitlyn Lawson



Mrs. Stephanie Crook speaks to the Environmental Club about their upcoming field trip to Bio Blitz at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Photo by Melissa Deavers

Jessica Lay
Charissa Leach
David Letsan
Matthew Leucuta
Megan Lewis
Sabrina Liberto
Lily Lin



Katelyn Lindsey
Korley Lips
Joseph Little
Amanda Litzkaw
Kurtis Lloyd
Nicholas Longoria
Aaron Lopez



Shaquille Love
Daniel Luna
Zachary Lundy
Jennifer Lynch
Keith Madritsch
Aurelia Magallon
Zachary Majewski



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Jessica Malatt
Stephen Manley
Kala Manning
Michael Manns
Rarik Markley-Kalwyck



Travis Marsh
Randi Marshall
Timothy Martinez
Valeria Martinez
Courtney Masan
Jennifer May
Robert May



Breana McCallum
Cristah McCready
Ian McDonald
Kacie McGuire
Chelsey McInerney
Alexis McKee
Laureen McKinley



Joseph Meade
Michael Meade
Andrew Medanich
Jessica Medrano
Griffin Medved
Rachel Melnecke
Jacob Meiss



Danielle Melton
Sarah Melton
Nathan Metz
Kyle Miller
Matthew Miller
Maurice Miller
Scott Minar





Kayla Mischke
Brett Mitchell
Cody Mitchell
Jeremy Mitchell
Rachel Malnar
Stefanie Monastyrski
Hallie Manchilovich

Alexandra Manette
Susan Moody
Sean Moore
Ashley Moreau
Tess Moreland
Jessica Morris
Zachary Moss

Nathan Massell
Ariel Matto
Christopher Mueller
Paige Mülle
Shubkharman Multani
Candace Mulzon
Maria Murilla

Zachary Murray
Nikola Nacavski
Paige Nadolski
Charles Nafus
Robert Nagel
Stefanie Nanney
Dahlia Negroni



Two friends dance together at this year's Special Needs Prom. This is the second year for the event.
Photo by Melissa Deavers

Erika Nelson
 Jordan Nieta
 Cristina Nikola
 Terra Norman
 Brian Norton
 Britton Navathy
 Heather Navreske



Brandee Nystram
 Brandi O'Reilly
 Trinitie Oetman
 Dennis Oke
 Esteban Olmo
 Brooke Olsen
 Elizabeth Oprisko



Diana Ortiz
 Ronald Owen
 Britni Owens
 Edward Owens
 Nyla Owens
 Emanuel Pack
 Giovanni Paglioli



Cesar Pantoja
 Eric Pastore
 David Papan
 Alexandra Pardo
 Michael Parker
 Tyler Parker
 Steven Parratt





Courtney Payne
Cody Peeler
Kristifor Pekovic
Lukas Peksanok
Katelyn Pelke
Kristina Peltier
Jessalyn Perez

Clothilde Persons
Elliott Peters
Christopher Petetta
Kristopher Peyton
Dylon Pictor
Matthew Pleczynski
Gorrett Pliers

Corli Piro
Jacklyn Plevo
Dominique Ponce Deleon
Matthew Paracky
Amber Potts
Alexandro Protl
Camilla Quinton

Steven Rak
Cory Romage
Crystal Roy
Alaimo Reom
Matthew Rebich-Graham
Alexis Reddington
Daniel Reese

Freshman Naomi Witten
watches the front desk at this
year's Empty Bowls Project,
sponsored by the Art Club at
PHS. The group spent many
hours after school throwing
ceramic bowls to sell at the
event. **Photo by Melissa
Deavers**



Myles Reid
 Joshua Rex
 Marisa Ribar
 Lake Rice
 Cle Von Riley
 Miladelliz Rivera
 Vanessa Rivera



Eric Rizley
 Alisha Robinson
 Ashley Robinson
 Darrin Robinson
 Kayla Robinson
 Michael Robinson
 Antonia Rodriguez



Belinda Rodriguez
 Gabriella Rodriguez
 Joseph Rodriguez
 Marisa Rodriguez
 Megan Rodriguez
 Mitchell Rodriguez
 Sabrina Rodriguez



Jeffrey Rogers
 Jasmine Roman
 Jason Roman
 Richard Roman
 William Romero
 Andrew Romine
 Matthew Rosenberger



Alexandra Ruffie
 Anthony Ruiz
 Nicole Ruiz
 Ryan Russell
 Jared Saffrahn
 Joshua Salgado
 Kaitlin Salinas



Louis Somaniego
 Alexander Sanchez
 Angel Sanchez
 Robert Sanchez
 Haley Sansone
 Matthew Santiago
 Rachel Santos



Ashley Sass
 Jessica Satriano
 Amy Saunders
 Steven Saylar
 Joseph Scaccia
 Patrick Schaefer
 Crystal Schavey



Stephanie Scott
 Adam Seiler
 Katerina Serrano
 Emily Sharp
 Ashley Shay
 Jesse Sherrell
 Brandon Shales





Courtney Simmons
Jordan Simmons
Zachary Simmons
Breahna Simpson
Cassandra Sims
Shyann Sims
Jasmine Sieaford

Samantha Smea
Matthew Smith
Nicholas Smith
Skyler Smith
James Smolen
Carson Snyder
Haley Snyder

Modeline Solis
Alysis Soto
Daniel Soto
Destroe Soto
Michaeline Spencer
Kristopher Springman
Zacharie Spurlock

Joshua Stallworth
David Stanford
Timothy Stanford
Aimee Stanley
Zane Stasak
Zachary Statler
Nicolette Stavrakis



Freshman Kayla Mischke runs her event, the hurdles, during a track meet at the Portage High School field this year.
Photo by Rachel Jordan

Felicia Srip
Ryan Stavall
Nakita Strain
Naelle Strain
Brent Stringer
Andrea Stronczek
Jashua Sullivan

Anthony Sweeney
Tyler Swets
Jillian Talley
Jesse Tanner
Tabatha Tanses
Nicole Tarnaw
Anthony Taylor

Jessica Taylor
Marissa Taylor
Scott Terpstra
Jessa Thomason
Alexandra Thompson
Riley Thompson
Zachary Tharn

Simona Tamesika
Samara Taney
Anicio Torres
Abigail Trader
Andrea Trimble
Nelson Trinidad
Dominique Turney

Donald Twillo
Matthew Urbanczyk
Allison Urycki
Brittany Vardaman
Thomas Vardaman
Jessica Vasquez
Kurtis Vild

Joseph Villegas
Tony Vitantiemi
Nicole Vuka
Kendra Wagner
Courtney Walker
Ayanwa Walton
Payton Watson

Austin Wattles
Renee Weber
Joseph White
Leonard White
William Whitlow
Jashua Whitman
Paige Whitney

Heather Wighamam
Anthony Wight
Zachary Wilczynski
William Wilkinson
Dannette Williams
Davonte Williams
Payton Williams





Zachary Williams
Kian Williams-Gary
Michael Wilson
Kimberly Winfield
Jaid Winland
Brittany Winter
Naomi Witten

Zachary Wittarp
Crystal Walaszyn
Nathan Warkman
Katelyn Wright
Samuel Wright
Zullianis Zambrana
Carey Zaragoza

Andrew Zilt
Max Zmija
Jose Zuniga
Krysta Zygowicz



Freshman and varsity cross country runner Tara Norman talks to senior Andrea Falk after a meet this school year. Photo by Rachel Jordan

Teachers start up the 'Boo Crew'

If you walk through the halls of the second floor, you may have heard a strange noise coming from the east hallway. This noise would be the boos coming from the "boo crew."

Three teachers decided they were tired of the tardies, the phones, the PDA and other activities that go on in the hallways between classes. Mr. John Zack, Mr. Nick Haas, and Mrs. Diane Dominguez made it their duty to find a new way to get students to follow the rules.

Between classes, all three stood in the east hallway of the second floor and, when they noticed a student breaking the rules, or still standing in the hallway after the bell, they booed them loudly, and, believe it or not, it worked!

"We have different boos. We had an April Fool's boo. [It was] 'Yay. . . Boooo!'" Zack said.

Although the teachers had been booed back by some students and had even caught some rude gestures, the booing seemed to make students want to get to class faster to avoid it.

Story by Brittany Coates

Mr. Nick Haas and Mr. John Zack stand outside their classroom and boo a student who ignored their previous boos for being tardy to class. Both teachers stood outside their classrooms during the year and booed students for various infractions. **Photo by Brittany Coates**

Jacklyn Anderson
Myro Andrich
John Arrendondo
Heidi Bobcock
Joe Bachan

Sandra Back
Sarah Barber
Robert Beigh
Kelly Bermes
Amy Bertolon

William Badnor
Edwin Bowers
Debra Broom
Corrie Brown
Sandra Boker

Amy Burke
Shirley Bustos
Carrie Carlson
Joshua Covan
Lois Chalmers-MacMillan





Cheryl Clapp
Stephanie Crook
Fred Crowe
Lynette Dean
Melissa Deavers
Angelic Denhof
Rhonda Doane
Diane Dominguez

James Downes
Jay Drew
Maryann Eckhart
Tom Erickson
Vicky Evans
Katie Ewald
Kristine Felthous
Mark Fischer

Andrea Flynn
Daria Foreman
Becky Fry
Debbie Gannon
Vanessa George
Elizabeth Gilliland
Michelle Goebel
Melanie Garden

Nick Haas
Ike Halashak
Robin Halberstadt
John Hall
Gretchen Hargarten
Mark Harsha
Teresa Hart
Debra Heilmann

Sandra Herr
Marcia Habart
Jay Hodges
Tami Hudson
Kathleen Hull
John Johnston
James Jones
Robert Kanla

John Kappes
Bryan Kardash
Ryan Kardash
Mark Karmel
Charity Kehoe
Tom Kenning
Tami Kepshire
Christine Kern

Sue Kalodzinski
Leslie Kretz
Richard Kretz
Annette Kulmatycki
Tim Kunstek
Michael Lipinski
Barbara Lochmondy
Bryan Lochmandy

Jash Lang
Matthew Mahns
Ted Marthakis
Janice Martin
Carrie Martin-Smith
Mark Marvin
David Masty
Dana McCay

Tam McKeown
Patrick Mills
Tam Moodie
Patrick Moody
Lisa Maser
Helen Mundell
Greg Mundt
Marstan Mundt

Arlene Neff
Marian Pack
Linda Parker
Robert Parker
Shelli Parker
Lori Pavell
Linda Peda
Mark Peterson

Scott Piersma
Robert Prellwitz
Jill Redmon
Jennifer Reilly
Wanda Rice
Aaron Riegler
Diana Rivera
Virginia Rivera

Maria Roach
Katrina Ross
Ella Rudd
Kara Rupcich
Millie Ruzboson
Tom Sanidas
Darryl Schultz
Larry Shepard

Kathy Shrader
Marjorie Slamkaski
Debbie Smith
Jeff Smith
Max Smith
Marcia Soyser
Barb Spittler
Lisa Spoolstra





Jahn Zack

Marlynn Svetanoff
Caren Swickard
Heidi Thibideau
John Taland
Gail Trabough
Renee Turpa
Juanita Viera
Andrea Wiese

Paula Wiese
Kristin Wiesjohn
Barbara Williams
Troy Williams
Lynn Wilson
Lynn Winland
Reggie Wright
Dawn Yavanovich



Prince, the PHS Comfort Dog and newest member of the staff, sits quietly near the commons area while a group of students gently pet him. Prince, who is handled by Mr. Tim Kunstek, was brought into the school to help bring joy and comfort to anyone in need. **Photo by Alec Back**

A group of students work on a lab project in their science class. This year, the science teachers offered a variety of fun and interesting project to their students. Photo by Ben Mathewson



What results from learning? This year, one student received a perfect score on the math portion of the SAT. Another student's art design was displayed as a flag in Washington, D.C. What they have in common is that they opened their minds to new concepts. As you look back on this year, did you ever ask yourself:

What do you think about...
LEARNING SOMETHING NEW



Senior Josh Rayner and junior Dylan LaFrance look at their group's solar system model. **Photo by Brittany Johnson**



Senior Kayla Wright looks over scholarship information at a meeting in the LGI room. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**

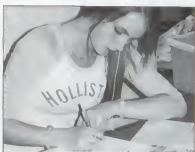


Sophomore Cody Marczewski helps load and launch gallons of water to test gravity. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**



Juniors Kristie Stanheld and Sarah Smith carefully review over their rough draft for their essay in Mrs. Redman's English 11-AP class.

Photo by Joey Bain



Junior Kelsey Mikita finishes up her test for her Algebra II class.

Photo by Joey Bain



Senior Jake Turner happily studies his bible preparing for Mr. Karmel's Bible Literature test.

Photo by Joey Bain



Freshman Brittany Hopper carefully constructs her bridge for her Pre-AP Geometry class.

Photo by Joey Bain

MOD 1

Learn to speak well ENGLISH

Portage High School is an amazingly great place for English success. The school offers many exciting elective English courses for students to enroll in and continue their studies.

Publications is one branch of the English department that Portage High School offers. Classes such as Journalism, Pow Wow, which is the school newspaper, and Legend, the school yearbook are offered. Throughout these classes students work very hard to complete stories on time and capture all the "kodak moments" at the right time.

The sophisticated Legend Editor-in-Chief, Liz Broadie says, "After being in Legend for years, it really hits you how hard you have to

work. But in the end, everything pays off and it feels great when you see what you have finished."

Throughout the years, students gain interest in books such as *Twilight*, which has been produced into a movie this year and a huge hit.

"After reading the series five times and seeing the movie four times I can't wait for the next sequel!" junior Amanda Alasauskas said. After this book has

become such a hit, the author, Stephenie Meyer, is coming up with a sequel in another character's view.

English may not be fun all the time but the diversity of classes Portage High School offers helps students be diverse themselves.

"I can't wait for the next sequel!"

-Amanda Alasauskas Junior, on the book, *Twilight*, series and the movie, which came out in November of 2008

Available CLASSES

English 9 (Basic, Regular, Pre-AP)
English 10 (Basic, Regular, Pre-AP)
English 11 (Basic, Regular, AP)
English 12 (Regular, AP)
Expository Writing
Bible Literature
Literature of the World
Etymology
Creative Writing
Creative Writing 2
Beginning Journalism
Pow Wow
Legend

Junior Kayla Wilken reads, *Into the Wild* for Mr. Karmel's American Literature class.

Photo by Joey Bain



Juniors Cristina Gonzalez and Eric Lee work together to finish their Pre-Calculus homework.
Photo by Joey Bain



It'll all add up somehow **MATH**

Math: A subject in which no one is completely profound, but everyone still has to endure. Some students find out during high school that they love the subject, while others dread it until June of their senior year.

With classes ranging from Algebra 1 all the way to Calculus, students have been learning the concepts the great Greek Gods have created.

Since math is required to graduate, many teachers understand that all students are not in the class for the joy, therefore they try and make their classes more exciting and full of fun.

This year Portage High School had a senior, Carolyn Tackett score a perfect on the math section of the SAT. "I never saw it coming," Tackett said, "it's awesome news but now I'm focused on going to college and pursuing my career in International Relations."



Senior Carolyn Tackett

Portage High School has now completed two years of traditional scheduling which has made many students feel overwhelmed with their homework, especially Math. Now, math is required for the whole year instead of just one semester.

Story By: Joey Bain

Teacher **FEATURE**



Mrs. George

School/Degree: St. Joseph's College
Bachelor of Science degree
Favorite Food: King Meat Feast Pizza
(Fajita's if pregnant!)

Why Math?: "I love getting concrete answers. There's nothing more rewarding than doing a whole-page problem that works perfectly."



Science students watch the Farfunflinger shoot a gallon of water across the practice field.
Photo by Liz Broadie



Sophomore Amanda Bogalin concentrates as she gets ready to release a water balloon across the practice field. Photo by Melissa Deavers

Students set up their solar systems and prepare to present them for a grade. Photo by Ben Matthewson

Let's find a solution!

SCIENCE

Finding solutions to equations, balancing equations and studying cellular respiration has not always been favored by Portage High School students. Doing experiments and learning how chemicals react and everyday things work always has been favored and liked by many.

"Science is challenging and completely relevant to my life!" senior Jessica Anderson said.

Many people have a higher interest for science, like students in Mrs. Carrie Brown's Chemistry 2-AP class. "The work can be really hard at times, but it is a

"Physics is difficult but very interesting, we learn something new everyday."

-Junior Olivia Rivera

really rewarding class when you get to see the outcome of the labs we get to perform," junior Shannon Corcoran said.

Mrs. Carrie Brown also added her joy for teaching her Chemistry 2-AP class because it is a class for the students who really enjoy learning about science.

Chemistry 1-preAP is also offered for advanced students more gifted in the science area for them to receive an honors credit for the first year Chemistry class.

Story by Joey Bain

Teacher FEATURE



Mrs. Brown

College/Degree: Loyola University of Chicago & Indiana University Northwest

Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education.

Favorite class to teach: Chemistry 2-AP

Children: Troy, 7 and Trent, 4

MOD 2

When did that happen? SOCIAL STUDIES

As history repeats itself throughout time, Portage High School makes its own timeline.

During this school year a new class was added for the seniors to take. The AP Government class was added to the roster for the school year with Mr. Thomas Kenning as the teacher for the class.

"I believe strongly in making sure the high ability students have courses to stimulate a university experience," Kenning said.

Kenning said that the student body has a real passion for learning about the social studies.

"I think it's been an overall success, but I have to give credit to that to all of the students who have such a passion for learning and asking questions," Kenning said.

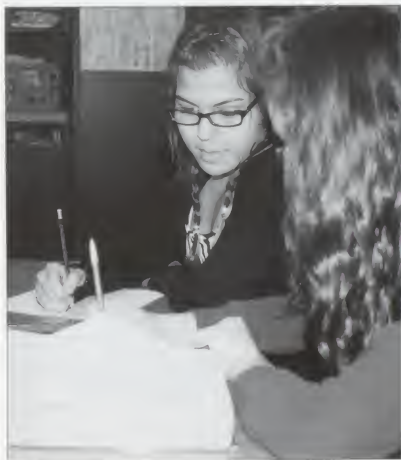
The department was also excited about this year's presidential election and the switch from a republican president to a democratic president. Kenning attributes the rise in interest to this.

"All of the excitement that the election of President Obama has generated really increased interest as well," Kenning said.

Story by Joey Bain

"US History is interesting because I get to learn about what happened before my time."

-Junior Candace Broadie



Juniors Bri Angarola and Olivia Rivera work together on a study guide for their U.S. History class.

Photo by Joey Bain

World History



Students in Mr. John Arredondo's World History class have their answered checked during Jeopardy.

Photo by Joey Bain

Chemistry 2-AP



Senior Jeff Gratt and his partner experiment with fire in their Chemistry 2-AP class with Mrs. Carrie Brown.

Photo by Joey Bain

Economics



Senior PHS students receive help from veteran Economics teacher, Mr. Mark Marvin.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Biology 2-AP



Seniors Darcy Richardson and Heather Spence find a solution in their Biology 2-AP class.

Photo by Ben Matthewson

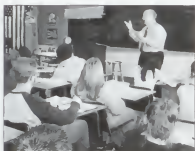
Painting



Senior Isaac Quinton touches up his artwork in his painting class.

Photo by Ben Matthewson

French 1



Mr. David Masty tells one of his famous stories to his French 1 class as they laughingly listen along.

Photo by Joey Bain

Drawing



Senior Taylor Hill concentrates as she finishes one of her art projects from this year.

Photo by Ben Matthewson

Spanish 2



Junior Emily Smolen and Sophomore Kristin Vandersteen work diligently on their Spanish 2 classwork.

Photo by Rachel Jordan

MOD 3

Charcoal, oil pastel, or paint? **ART**

Portage High School has always held a vast group of students with a strong passion for art. Many students are also very skilled in the art area.

During the school year, Mrs. Annette Kulmatycki had her 2D/3D art class use duckcloth and paint to make a piece to represent Indiana for Youth Art Month.

Students who designed winning pieces had the opportunity to have their artwork displayed as a flag in Washington, D.C.

Junior Sarah Smith made her flag with paintbrushes turning into corn to represent

Indiana and the arts. Her piece was selected to represent Indiana and was sent to Washington D.C. to be displayed for Youth Art Month.

"It was a lot of fun making art and trying to represent Indiana," Junior Sarah Smith said. "Just recently I was offered a chance to go down to Washington, D.C. to see my flag being hung."

There are always opportunities waiting for students, but students at Portage High School really seem to understand that and get opportunities of a lifetime.

Story by Joey Bain

"There's nothing more rewarding than to see your artwork being displayed for others to see."

-Junior Sarah Smith

Available CLASSES

2D/3D Art
Photography
Advanced 3D Crafts
Drawing
Painting
Ceramics
Jewelry
Sculpture
Printmaking
Visual Communication
Digital Design
Digital Photography
2D/3D Design Portfolio

Junior, Justina Herrera paints a lovely piece of artwork during her painting class with Mrs. Paula Wiese.

Photo by Liz Broadie



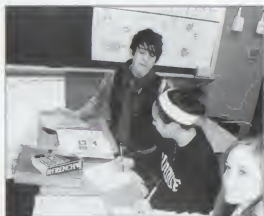
Junior Wayne Fagen and Senior Kyle Trzeciak look interested in their book while posing for a picture in Mrs. Fry's third level spanish class.

Photo by Karaline Cartagena



Juniors Jack Collier, Jordan Steiger and Senior Andrea Wattles work together on their French 3 assignment in Madame Flynn's class.

Photo by Joey Bain



Hola! Bonjour! Ni Hao! FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Hearing people speak a different language in the grocery store or just

hearing the accents that Portage High School's foreign exchange students have always make people wonder how hard it would be to learn another language. A large number of students at PHS took the opportunity to learn a foreign language.

Madarin Chinese, Spanish, French, Latin and German were all offered at PHS. Chinese was offered only

as an advanced placement class and has special requirements to

"Español es divertido!-Spanish is fun!"

-Junior, Casey Smith

be admitted. Many students say bonds with their foreign language teachers are stronger than with other teachers.

"I don't know about any other language," junior Candace Janis says, "but German rocks!"

Portage High School created an even more diverse school by teaching students different languages other than their own.

Story by Joey Bain

Teacher FEATURE



Madame Flynn

Most Recent Degree: Master of Education achieved in 2007

How many times have you been to France?: Many. I've spent many summers there, but always with the same two families.

Favorite Food?: Bowl of strawberries, if I'm being healthy. If not, I always love some chocolate.

Senior Evyn Hale concentrates on his music while playing a beautiful piece on his Zeta violin along with the rest of the advanced orchestra.
Photo by Ben Matthewson



Do you know how to keep a beat?

CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & BAND

Music is something almost all students enjoy.

Normally the joy comes from listening to it from the average teenager. Music students at Portage High School enjoy being behind the scenes and making the music. Whether it's band, orchestra, choir, or the newly added piano class, students at Portage High School work hard and excell at extremes.

The music department also has other groups that involve more of the advanced students. Choraliers, Jazz Band, and Zeta always have a group of talented students that wow audiences every year.

"I enjoy helping students understand the structure; the mechanics of music," Mr. Robert Symer said. "Many students are achieving terrific results, both personally as well as with group orientation."

Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) holds an event, "Solo/Ensemble" annually where students are assessed on a variety of levels including facial expressions, tone quality, and intonation. If a group or soloist decides to be assessed on the group 1 level and receive a gold rating, they have the opportunity to go travel

Indianapolis and compete at the state level. Many Portage High School students were able to make it to the state level this year.

"Music creates an awesome feeling inside you, whether you're singing, dancing or playing an instrument," sophomore Jorden Breezley said.

Music is a big part of all the students at PHS. Some teachers allow students to listen to music players such as iPods, MP3 players, CD players, and other types of music players.

"I believe some students can possibly do better when listening to music during the study time," junior Rachel Jordan said. "It helps them focus more on the work you're doing than when going on in the classroom around you."

Students are required to keep music low so others can hear them. Other wise, they face the possibility of having their music player being taken away.

Music comes in many forms at PHS. It could be presented by the flute player in the music hall, or by the iPod being listened to at the lunch table. Music is everywhere at PHS. Music is loved.

Story by Joey Bain

MOD 4/5

Senior Nikki Bewley plays a song for Mr. Riegle to grade in her piano class. **Photo by Joey Bain**

Ladies in Mr. Riegle's Girls Glee Choir go over their sections to prepare for ISSMA contest. **Photo by Brittany Johnson**



Seniors Ann Parobek and Darcy Richardson recite a piece on their flutes for their advanced concert band class with Mr. Robert Symer. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**

Teacher FEATURE



Mr. Symer

Degrees:

Bachelor Degree in Music Education
Master of Music Degree with
Trumpet Emphasis.

What do you teach?:

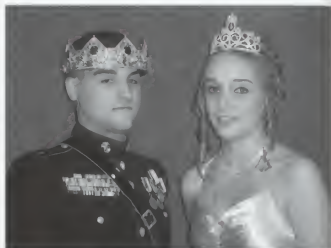
Jazz Band
Advanced Band
Music Theory
Piano Lab Classes



A MCJROTC student shakes hands with Col. Delair after receiving their award.

Photo by Joey Bain

The King and Queen of the MCJROTC Ball smile for a quick photo. Photo by Ben Matthewson



Can I get a OO-RAH! MCJROTC

The MCJROTC students that walk through hallways in Portage High School are not always thought to be extraordinary all the time. Truthfully, Portage High School holds one of the best high school MCJROTC programs throughout the state.

This year the MCJROTC program was awarded the Marine Corps Reserve Association Award for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. They were noted to be extremely above average compared to other MCJROTC programs throughout the state. They were assessed on their rate of community service and many other items that they succeed with every year.

Many MCJROTC programs thrive for this award, but many are shot down

"It's really fun, we get to do a lot of things for the community."

-Senior Kyle Kranick

every year because it is such a difficult award to receive, but with all the hard work Portage's program delivers annually, they were able to receive it for this year.

Since this award is such an honor to receive,

Colonel Charles Delair, MCJROTC Region Three Marine Corps Junior ROTC Director, personally came to the high school to give them this award.

Portage High School has always held an amazing group of students in the MCJROTC program, and they always will.

Story by Joey Bain

Teacher FEATURE



Major Johnston

Service: Served in active duty from 1970-1996 in US Marine Corps. As a signals/intelligence officer, he spent many years both in the U.S. and overseas.

How long at PHS?: After his retirement from the Marines, he got his job at PHS in 1996. He's on his lucky 13th year!

MOD 7/8

Let's get down to business!

BUSINESS

PHS has always had a love for business. Many students are involved in business classes such as Entrepreneurship, Business Law, Marketing, and many more. There are also business vocational classes that students choose to be a part of every year.

"Marketing is a lot of fun," junior Drew Keil said, "Mr. Lochmondy might talk a lot about Jewel Osco but he has the most comfy chairs in the school." Business classes at PHS give students a chance to vocal, and discuss their lessons with the whole class.

The business department ensures PHS students that they will become financially

literate and work on many subjects to get this done. To make sure this is done subjects

such as investing, saving, and budgeting are all worked on throughout the time they are in the class.

Business also teaches PHS students not only the way to understand financing in the personal life, but also they teach the students what they need to know in their workplace as well.

The business department at PHS helps our students become even more prepared for their futures.

Story by Joey Bain

"Business isn't just about learning, it's about using the skills you learn in real life."

-Junior Drew Keil



Senior Dom Reboy works on a test in his Accounting 1 class.

Photo by Kendra Becker

Junior Mallory Stowers studies for an upcoming test.

Photo by Liz Broadie



Junior Adam Hawkins works on some classwork for Mr. Lochmondy's Accounting 2 class.

Photo By: Ben Matthewson



Students on the Exhibition Drill team practices spinning their guns.

Photo by Ben Matthewson



Senior Ryan Cherry and Junior Lauren Freeman listen actively in their Entrepreneurship class.

Photo by Ben Matthewson



Major John Johnston reviews student's report cards and notifies them of his concerns.
Photo by Joey Bain

Accounting 2

Exhibition Drill

Entrepreneurship

MCJROTC



A vocational student from a local school works on a project for his Auto Mechanics class. Portage often busses in students from other schools to take advantage of our award-winning programs.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Seniors Tommy Henrich and Brandon Starr work together in their printing vocational with Mr. Mark Fischer. Photo by Ben Matthewson



What do you want to be? VOCATIONALS

Students at PHS may focus on taking their average math, science, english, and social studies classes.

Other students at PHS have interests in other fields, such as working with electrical things, the medical field, and early childhood education.

PHS offers many off campus career vocational classes. These vocationals range from cosmetology to welding. Students take extra spaces out of their schedules every year to take these vocational classes, normally taking up the time of three classes. Which makes it harder to fit in other classes at the high school they would like to take.

**"Work study is great!
It really helps teach
you how to get and
keep a good job!"**

-Senior Tricia Hein

"Going to help with the elementary kids is really fun. It really made me sure that

being a teacher is what I will truly want to be when I'm older," Junior Courtney Corbett said.

These classes have helped many students think about what they want to do after high school. Students taking the cosmetology vocational are licensed cosmetologists after completing their

junior and senior year in the program.

This shows how many PHS students are more decided in what they want to pursue after graduating.

Story by Joey Bain

Teacher FEATURE



Mr. Zack

College/Degree: Ball State: Special Education, Mild Mental Handicap; Career & Tech. Education.

Years Teaching?: "This is lucky 13!"

Favorite Food?: Bacon, who can pass that up?

MOD 9

Don't get all technical! TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Juniors this year at PHS were notified that they were able to shoot for a new diploma in 2010

when they graduate. The new diploma, the Academic Honors with Technical Honors diploma is available for the class of 2010. To achieve this, you have to meet all regular requirements for the regular academic honors and also have to gain some credits from Technical Education classes.

"I didn't really think I was going to try and get that kind of diploma," Sophomore Nathan Gerber said, "but after taking some Tech. Ed. classes, I realized it isn't that

hard and it's pretty fun."

The Tech. Ed. department is mainly used

for students that learn well with hands on equipment. PHS offers much of the equipment needed, and if not, they offer vocational programs that will take students to construction sites and many other places.

Whether your just starting off with a basic wood class, making little odds and ends, or being

part of the construction vocational, building an entire house from nothing, PHS offers students with plenty of courses for hand-on learning.

Story by Joey Bain

"Tech Ed is a great way to get away from the books and get some hands-on education!"

-Sophomore Nathan Gerber



Senior Virgil Goin uses drills holds into a piece of wood for his class with Mr. Toland.
Photo by Joey Bain

HOSA



Senior Stephanie Espinosa and Junior Stacia Upton practice properly using a syringe in their Medical Terminology vocational.
Photo by Ben Matthewson

Auto Mechanics



A PHS student works on a car engine in his Auto Mechanic class.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Dental Health



Students in the Dental Health vocational work on cleaning up other student's teeth.

Photo by Joey Bain

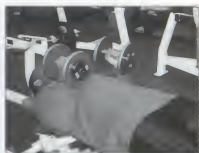
Construction Systems



Senior Derek Frizzell uses a saw in his Construction Systems class to start a project.

Photo by Joey Bain

Weight Training



Junior Marcus Bush shows endurance while pumping some iron in his Weight Training class.

Photo by Brittany Johnson

Culinary Arts



Students in the Culinary Arts vocational program smile after chopping some vegetables.

Photo by Ben Matthewson

Fitness & Conditioning



Students work out in the exercise room in the fieldhouse after running around the track.
Photo by Ben Matthewson

Adv. Nutrition



Mrs. Katie Ewoldt instructs her Nutrition & Wellness class on how to mix ingredients together.
Photo by Joey Bain

MOD 10

Whip me something up FACS

Elective classes such as Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) at PHS have always been a popular pick for the students. Many students enjoying learning about more "at home" traits to use later in life.

The cooking classes have been known for smelling up the hallways with amazing scents from items like bread to a sweet treat called king cake used to celebrate mardi gras.

"Health & Wellness is amusing, especially when we cook, you know you can never use too much sugar!" says Junior Bri Angarola.

**"Cooking is art presented on a plate."
-Senior, Desmetria Barnes**

Other electives such as child development are offered at PHS. Students are required to take a model baby home and are woken up in the middle of the night when it is hungry or needs to have a diaper change.

"Child development has really helped me and helped me understand my younger siblings a lot better," said freshman Morgan Jackson.

Many students at PHS enrolled in FACS classes

learn at home qualities they did not know, or they tuned up their skills they already had.

Story by Joey Bain



Junior Denisha Barnes presses together tortillas to begin cooking them. Photo by Joey Bain



Juniors Brad Huisinga and Ryan Hodges battle a fierce game of badmitten in their Rackets & Bows class. Photo by Brittany Johnson

Go Hard or Go Home! PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical fitness is always something high school students love to be competitive about. PHS is just like any

other high school when it comes to this.

Many students while in their gym classes compete against others, but also compete ogaist themselves.

"Gym is really awesome," Junior Emily Carpenter said, "it really gets me fired up and

relieves so much stress off of my shoulders."

With the field house's second year running, the work out room is one of the favorites. Many students come to the field house after school hours along with their families and friends for a daily workout.

"The best part of volleyball is the competitiveness, even though no one's better than me."

-Senior, Dan Bain

PHS has also began hosting indoor track meets in the field house. Having meets at

Portage gives PHS students more time to prepare for their event, which gets better results as an athlete, and gets them home earlier to complete school work, which gets better results as a student.

PHS also offers more classes for the more advanced PE students.

Classes such as Volleyball,

Advanced Football, Weight Training and Floor Hockey are available for students who have already met the requirement for gym credits and still want to have a Physical Education class.

Story by Joey Bain

Teacher FEATURE



Mr. Kardash

College: St. Joseph's College

Hometown: Chesterton, IN

Family: Wife, Brynn and one daughter, Kaylee

The PHS Choraliers perform
for the students and teachers
involved in this year's Secret Pal
Social in the South Cafeteria.
Photo by Andrea Falk



Portage High School is full of many traditions. Student Council continued its tradition of being named an Honor's Council, and PHS continued its tradition of honoring the top 30 students in the senior class at the ACES Banquet. However, keep in mind that PHS clubs and groups start these traditions by thinking outside the box and starting something new. With that in mind, ask yourself:

**What do you think about...
SWITCHING IT UP**



Seniors Gavin Williams and Clint Buckland work hard on their car for a project for the Science Olympiads. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



A music student reads her sheet music while playing her flute for the Pep Band. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Seniors Whitney Johnson and Leslie Bailey smile and show their excitement at the National Junior Honor Society Ceremony. **Photo by Susan Kelley-Johnson**



Student Council member looking threw a decorative scrap book at a student council workshop.

Photo by Joey Bain



Meet the STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



Mike Sikora

Favotire Class?

"Econ."

Hobby?

"Playing music."

Why StuCo?

"It makes you a stronger person."

Put the "lead" in Leadership STUDENT COUNCIL

Walking through halls of Portage High School at the end

of the year, you can see the halls covered with campaign poseters

for hopeful

students want to be class officers. Student Council is taken very seriously at PHS.

Student Council sponsors alot of events during the school year for their peers. Dances,

Food drives and fundraisers are just a small portion of what the hold.

"I love student council because, I get to work with great

people and accomplish great things." Junior, Emily Carpenter.

Student Council is a great club to join if you want to impact you school in a big way.

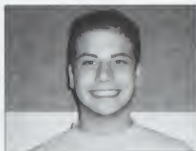
Story by Kendra Becker

What was your favorite Student Council event this year?



"The senior citizen ball, because I chaired it and I had a really great time."

Morgan Jackson, freshman



"Homecoming in general was a blast!"

Craig Alley, sophomore



"Homecoming is my favorite student council event because, hard work pays off."

Emily Carpenter, junior



"The Thanksgiving Food Drive because it's good to help people and see the smiles on their faces."

Sherman Yancey, senior



Sophomore Sarah Overvall giving an exciting thumbs up and very proud of her full bag of food about to deliver to a very hopeful family. **Photo by Joey Bain**



Juniors Joey Bain and Caressa Rospierski show off their painted clothes at the state convention for student council in Richmond Indiana.

Photo by Nessa Junyanid



"Definitely Dancers Against Cancer. I loved being a part of it, plus we were able to raise money for cancer research!"
Senior Kaylan Knutsen



"Raking leaves for the elders. It was sooooo much fun! The piles were HUGE!!!"
Junior Keenan Ruzga



"Helping all of the low-blood-leveled students eat some sugar-filled snackage."
Junior Emily Carpenter



"Desserts at induction night! Oh...and helping our community!"
Senior Leslie Bailey

A Whole New Level of Success

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society is one group to display the excellence Portage High School has to offer. Not only helping the community and being involved in many other extra-curricular activities, these students excel in class as well.

From putting on "Dancers Against Cancer," a benefit that PHS dancers participate in to support cancer research, to the annual blood drive in which students donated numerous pints of blood to the Red Cross, NHS had a productive year.

"Putting on Dancers Against Cancer was

for a great cause," junior Kelly Grish said, "especially with having Mrs. Geobel as our advisor."

"It's an incredible opportunity to bring scholars that care about their community together."

-President Carolyn Tackett

Throughout the year, the advisor of NHS, Mrs. Michelle Goebel has been fighting cancer, therefore putting on an event such as "Dancers Against Cancer" was extremely generous of the group.

"This organization has the potential to accomplish great things," President

Carolyn Tackett said, "because of the outstanding character of it's members, NHS is possible of anything."

Story by Joey Bain



Senior Andrea Falk and Advisor Mrs. Michelle Geobel smile for a picture after Andrea was re-inducted into NHS for the '08-'09 school year.

Photo by Susan Kelly-Johnson





The newly inducted chapter of National Honor Society gets together for a picture.
Photo by Susan Kelly-Johnson

Junior Amanda Alasauskas holds her juice and her stuffed animal, "Jammy" and sips on some orange juice while getting her blood drawn at the annual NHS blood-drive. Photo by Liz Broadie



Meet the **PREZ**



Carolyn Tackett

Favotire class:

"Wò á zhōng wén kè!
Chinese!"

Favorite Food:

"I just love eating
too much, it's nearly
impossible to choose!"



Helping people Naturally

NATURAL HELPERS

At the beginning of the school year Portage High School Juniors and Seniors take a survey about to whom they go to when they have problems.

The surveys are then examined and the students who show up most on the survey results and chosen to go to a three day retreat called Natural Helpers

at a undisclosed location. While attending this retreat these Juniors and Seniors are put through multiple

"It was a life changing experience that let me see my peers in a completely different light." Junior Jesse Garibaldi

tasks that help you learn more about your peers and your self also. The retreat also helped build skills; communicating, listening. It is a good place to open up to your peers.

"It was a life changing experience that let me see my peers in a completely different light." Said Junior Jesse Garibaldi

"I recommend to everyone that gets selected, To do it! It's crazy fun!"

Said Junior Jesse Garibaldi

Story by Kendra Becker



Former Nutrition and wellness teacher Sabrina Scrogan and Senior Matt Dogan hold hands and give each other compliments, to help raise each other's confidence. **Photo by Jesse Garibaldi**

What was your favorite part about participating in Natural Helpers?



Natural Helper students stand and jump into a big pile, nobody caring who you touch or anything, this is called "clumping". "I love clumping!" said Junior Rachel Jordan. **Photo by Jesse Garibaldi**



Juniors, Amanda Alasaukas, Jordan Steiger, Seiche Dogan, Rachel Jordan and Kristyn Stanfield take time out of the Natural Helps retreat to pose for a picture. **Photo by Jesse Garibaldi**



"The People were all nice and they all opened up to new experiences."

Junior Steve Perry



"My favorite part was learning to communicate without talking. I rely on being loud. That's who I am. Trying to lead someone safely around without any verbal communication was a huge struggle. But it was probably the best part for me."

Junior Rachel Jordan



"I like making new friends, it was really fun to meet them, I also enjoyed the great experience."

Senior Jessica Anderson



"Getting to know the student body that I wasn't involved with."

Mr. Matt Mahns, Social Studies



"I like the atmosphere how people from different kind of groups can come and get along. You don't feel judged."
Junior Luke Morris



"I like so many things about Campus Life. The people are very friendly, nobody is left out, everybody is welcoming, the leaders really care about you and listen. It feels like a safe place where you can just be yourself and have fun."
Junior Emily McGrath



"I like about Campus Life that you can get to know people and it's really easy to approach people. Everyone is nice, people don't judge you and it's just a lot of fun."
Senior Nicole Hudson



"I like the atmosphere, it's so happy. The accept you for who you are. It's friendly over there."
Sophomore Christina Delturco

Everything but boredom CAMPUS LIFE

Students who like to see their friends after school again and do not want to spend their evenings at home, go to Campus Life every Monday at Fegely Middle School or, when the weather allows it, at the barn.

Funny games, and lots of entertainment are guaranteed.

However, the leaders also talk about serious topics with the students, who are happy about the new inspiration.

"I like the discussion part, because we talk about things that matter and ways we can deal with hard things that happen in life and it's never forced upon us. It gets me thinking and has an effect on how I live

and the decisions that I make," junior Emily McGrath explained.

"You play a bunch of crazy fun games, and talk about relevant topics that are important to you like family or issues that we are going through at school." - junior Luke Morris

Campus Life also offers a lot of trips throughout the year. Students can go on the "Turkey Run" camp, the "Winter Weekend" skiing trip or the "Go mad" trip. Taking over an entire hotel, Campus Life students from all over the Great Lake's region enjoy bands, fun activities and lots of entertainment.

"You lose a lot of sleep at 'Go Mad', just like any other Campus Life trip. But you have the time of your life and make fun memories that will stay with you forever," McGrath enthused.

Story by Verena Baten



Senior Nicole Hudson is trying to throw little sand filled bags into a box, which is part of a game. Photo by Verena Baten

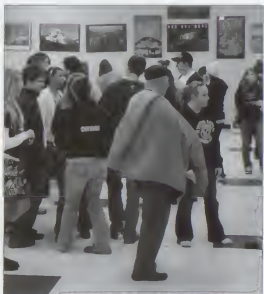




Senior Rachel Overvall and senior Morgyn Graber are posing for a picture with a member of the Campus Life staff. **Photo by Verena Baten**

The students are trying to gain "Campus Life Dollars" by winning games. With this "money" they can "buy" food. **Photo by Verena Baten**

Morgan Jackson, Katie Engels and Patrick Schaefer are enjoying themselves at Campus Life at Fegely Middle School. **Photo by Verena Baten**



Students are gathering in Fegely middle school for Campus Life on Monday nights. **Photo by Verena Baten**



Junior Breanna Rajca plays her clarinet while performing with the marching band at a home football game this year. Photo by Brittany Johnson



Sophomore Stephanie O'Mahoney stands at attention as the marching band gets ready to take the field to perform this year's halftime show. Photo by Brittany Johnson



Meet the DRUM MAJOR



Heather Robinson

Favorite class?

"All of my Science classes."

Why marching band?

"It's a way to really learn relationships and being with people who like music as much as you do."

Plans after high school?

"I'm studying to be a doctor."

This year's marching band consisted of sixty-nine active members for 2008-2009.

The Portage High School Marching Band brought back three awards this year from marching band competitions, Gold Division at ISSMA district contest, Silver division rating at ISSMA regional contest also best "pit crew" at the Goshen Invitational.

This year's senior drum major is Heather Robinson. Junior drum major is Liz De La Cruz. Portage High School marching band is a very dedicated group, they put a lot of time and effort in preparing for competitions; they spend long

hours in the summer sun counting, performing, repeating and perfecting their routine in the high schools student parking lot. Not only do they compete but they perform at Portage High School home football games at half time and also sits in the stands during the game pumping up the crowd by playing our school song each time our football players score a touch down.

"We spend a lot of time together so naturally we all combined into one family, every family has their problems, but when it comes

down to it were in it together," sophomore, Melissa Rance said.

Story by Kendra Becker

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-Melissa Rance, 10

Marching to the top!

MARCHING BAND

What's your favorite part of marching band competition?



"Seeing how suprised guy tuba players are that I'm tiny, and yet I play the tuba."

Senior Gail Goodan



"Right after preforming, when we get to take off our uniforms."

Junior Kayla Wilken



"Competing itself. Standing on the field out of breathe, sweaty as ever and hearing everyone scream ours schools name... it pretty awesome!"

Sophomore Melissa Rance



"Bus Rides!"
Freshman Alexis Reddington



Sophomore Matt Bell takes a break during the football game to watch the action on the field. The band played the fight song every time the team scored a touchdown. **Photo by Brittany Johnson**



Junior Ryan Bell demonstrates just how much concentration is needed when playing any instrument. Bell was a member of the pit, which is mainly comprised of percussion instruments. **Photo by Brittany Johnson**

Dancing to the beat

CHORALIERS

What was your favorite part about being in the Choraliers?



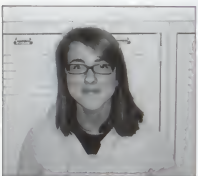
"The girls, just the friendships that we all have."

Alexandra Elisha, sophomore



"It's a choir where a bunch of girls bond together and entertain and make people smile."

Emily Carpenter, junior



"Going to Great America at the end of the year and getting to perform."

Angela Ratigan, senior



"Having a good time with the girls."

Carolyn Tackett, senior

The Portage High School Choraliers is a group of girls who simply love to sing and dance. The girls in the group work hard practicing, dancing, singing and trying to put a little something together that you will just love.

At the end of the year the Choraliers took a group trip to Six Flags Great America to perform.

The girls also performed for

the students and teachers who attended the annual Secret Pal Social, which the students and staff enjoyed very much.

"I have been singing my entire life, and now I get to do it for my school. I love it!" sophomore Lexi Elisha said.

They sing and dance so gracefully, always smiling in their sparkly red dresses.

Story by Kendra Becker

"I have been singing my entire life, and now I get to sing for my school. I love it!" Alexandra Elisha (10)



Junior Nessa Junyanid performs in front of students and teachers in the commons area during a morning performance. This is Junyanid's third year participating in the group.

Photo by Melissa Deavers





Seniors Carolyn Tackett and Jasmine Dennie take the stage and perform in front of the crowd at the Secret Pal Social. The choralliers perform at the event every year.

Photo by Andrea Falk



The Choralliers line up and perform for the Secret Pal Social. To get ready for their time to shine, they practice about two hours per week.

Photo by Andrea Falk



Sophomore Lexi Elisha shakes and shimmys to the rhythm of the beat during a morning performance in the commons. Elisha is a talented performer who performed in the spring musical, as well as Choralliers.

Photo by Melissa Deavers

Social Studies teacher Mr. Tom Kenning plays along with the jazz band on the full set of drums during a morning performance in the commons. Photo by Melissa Deavers



Junior Andrew Vild is very concentrated while playing his saxophone for his peers to hear on their way to their first mod classes. Photo by Melissa Deavers



Feeling the Rhythm

JAZZ BAND

Portage High School Jazz conducted by Robert Symer and Bill Timmerman. Jazz Band takes place after marching band season. You can see that a small amount of the student who participate in marching band also participating in Jazz Band.

"I love being in Jazz Band! It introduces me to other types of music that I wouldn't typically want to listen to," sophomore Melissa Rance said.

The jazz band occasionally preforms in the commons in the mornings so the

student body of PHS can have nice music to listen to while getting things together before first mod.

"I love being in Jazz Band! It introduces me to other types of music that I wouldn't typically want to listen to."

Melissa Rance, sophomore

of jazz music.

The Jazz Band meets everyday during tenth mod.

Story by Kendra Becker

When they are not playing popular tunes for the students, faculty and families, the jazz band also has concerts where they sooth the crowd with the smooth sounds



Senior Gavin Williams strums his guitar in the commons. Gavin also participates in the Portage High School Pep Band. Photo by Melissa Deavers

What was your favorite part about being in Jazz Band?



Sophomore Liane Cesare feels the rhythm of her saxophone in the commons. She has been in jazz band for two years. "I like jazz band because the music is fun to play." Photo By, Melissa Deavers



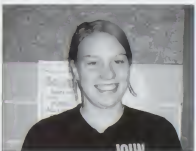
"I just like playing music."
Kyle Timmerman, sophomore



"By far Mr. T. Even though it is the last class of the day, he makes it a good one to end the day on."
Melissa Rance, sophomore



"No matter what goes down that day, in the end it is all about the music. Nothing else."
Ryan Thompson, junior



"Mr. Symer's outrageous analogies."
Gail Gooden, senior



Junior Shleby Williams smiles while playing her trombone for her peers. Shleby has participated in jazz band for three years and plans on coming back for her senior year. Photo by Melissa Deavers



"The trips are a lot of fun."

Susan Moody, freshman



"Bio-Blitz was really fun, I liked it a lot."

Cody Grzelak, freshman



"The feild trips, I learned a lot of things about the environment."

Alexis Reddington, freshman



"It's nice to help the environment becuae nowadays nobody thinks about their impact on the environment."

Eric Ewing, sophomore



Making Portage a better place

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Environmental Club is new to the Portage Hlgh School group of clubs. This is the first year the environmental Club was added to Poratge High School.

Small but powerfull group of students making a difference in any way and as much as they can. They pick up trash, plant flowers.

They took a trip to the beach.

"If you want to get out of school for a day to go to the beach then you should definitely join Environmental

Club." Said Sophomore Eric Ewing. They also did a project named "bio-blitz" where the club teamed up with National Geographic.

Environmental Club is great way to meet new people and make new friends. **Story by Kendra Becker**

'If you want to get out of school for a day then join Environmental Club.'
Sophomore Eric Ewing



Freshmen Biology teacher Stephanie Crook explains to her club members what she would like them to do and the exact procedure. This is the first year that environmental club was introduced to Portage High School. Photo by Melissa Deavers



The environmental club stops for a quick picture during their field trip to Bio Blitz. The group learned more about the plants and animals that reside in the Indiana Dunes Lakeshore area. Photo provided by Mrs. Melanie Karmel

Freshmen Susan Moody sits and talks to her fellow club members about environmental club and her opinions. Photo by Melissa Deavers



German clubs members listen attentively as junior Ryan Bell and senior Ambrosia Maddox talk about the meeting agenda. **Photo by Kendra Becker**



Junior Ryan Bell addresses the german club and takes the club role and talks about any of the clubs issues. **Photo by Kendra Becker**



Speaking up, Speaking out LANGUAGE CLUBS

Portage High School offers four language clubs; German, Latin, Spanish and French. Joining one of the language clubs at PHS is a good way to get involved. You don't necessarily have to have to speak German, Latin, French or Spanish to be in that particular language club. You just have to attend the meeting with an open mind and be ready to experience new cultures, geography, language, food and simply ways of life.

"I love German club. It is a lot of

fun and we do fun games," sophomore Melissa Rance said.

If desired occasionally the language teachers take a trip to

that country to get hands on learning. They offer the trips to the students who are interested. The language clubs at PHS have become more and more popular over the years, to students who are ready to dip their toes into another culture's

**" I love German club. It is alot of fun and we do fun games!"
Sophomore
Melissa Rance**

water.

Story by Kendra Becker

Why do you like being in your launnage club?



"I like being in German club because I'm German and I like to learn about my heritage."

Brad Lafata, freshman



"I like being in French club because the variety of people that come there and bowling trip that we take."

Marissa McQueen, sophomore



"I like Spanish club because we always bring in food and are watching movies. I also enjoy learning about the Spanish culture."

Caressa Rospierski, junior



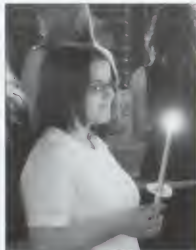
Sophomore Kyle Timmerman reads the German Club's new and approved constitution, that everybody in the club helped put together.

Photo by Kendra Becker

'Una persona que sabe dos idiomas vale dos personas'

FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONORS SOCIETY

Junior Bonnie Miller is holding her candle at the induction ceremony. She became a member of the FLHS for her achievements in Latin.
Photo by Verena Batén



The fire was passed on to 47 new students who are now members of the Foreign Language Honors Society. Using the image of the Olympic fire, the foreign language teachers lit their student's candles, so they may "tend the fire in their turn and later pass it on to younger generations," as the teachers explained.

All the students who got inducted on May 7th at the 21. World Language Honors Society Induction had fulfilled the requirement of three consecutive semesters of straight As, not considering their freshmen year.

During their speeches, the teachers emphasized the importance of knowing foreign languages, and so did their mission statement: "The department of World Languages at Portage High School challenges all students to develop a life-long appreciation for world languages, cultures, and global interdependence.

By learning to communicate in other languages, students improve their command of English, become more aware of their own culture, and realize that language is a partner to any career."

Story by Verena Batén

"I was excited about my induction for FLHS. It was something new to join in my high school career." junior Karaline Cartagena



Junior Casey Smith is receiving his medal for his accomplishments in Spanish class at the induction ceremony for the FLHS. He is going to study in Spain over the summer.
Photo by Verena Batén



Junior Karaline Cartagena is showing her medal she received at the FLHS induction for her achievements in Spanish class. She is going to live in Spain over the summer. **Photo by Verena Batén**

The new members of the Foreign Language Honors Society are posing for a group picture at the Induction ceremony. **Photo by Verena Batén**



Why do you like learning a foreign language?

Junior Rebecca Paulson is receiving her medal from German teacher Jacki Anderson. There were a whole of six German students who had qualified for being a member of the Foreign Language Honors Society by completing three semesters of German with an A average.

Photo by Verena Baten



"I like Latin, because it is the base for lots of languages, and because I want to go in a medical career. It was not hard to learn it."

Junior Bonnie Miller



"I like French, because I want to go to France and live over there. It is pretty there."

Junior Luis Chavez



"I am taking German, because we had German class in fifth grade and I really liked it. My dad is from Germany and speaks the language fluently."

Junior Stephanie Elkins



"I am learning Spanish because I am an Hispanic descendant. I have been able to understand it since I was a little girl, but I could not speak it. I think it would be good to learn that."

Junior Karaline Cartagena



Making the grade **ACES**



Lisa Carroll
and Robert Symer



Ariangela Davis
and Addie Marvin



Nicholas Dvorscak
and Mark Karmel



Amanda Evett
and Lynn Wilson



Andrea Falk
and William Schott



Michelle Gottschlich
and Valerie Webbell



Morgyn Graber
and Amanda Isakson



Hailey Holland
and Kathy Kotyuk



Nicole Hudson
and Amber Welch



Vincente Huizar
and Evelia Acevez



Whitney Johnson
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Claire Lichnerowicz
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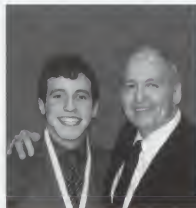
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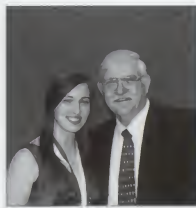
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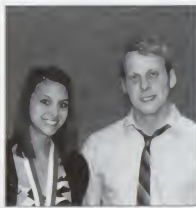
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Carolyn Tackett
and David Mastly



Stephanie Timmons
and Thomas Kenning



Elizabeth Ziulkowski
and Ashley McCune



"You have to be able to communicate with others, and everybody has to get along with the other team members. You have to be like a family."
Junior Jack Collier



"It takes Fearlessness, because you can't be scared that your answer is wrong. You need to have faith in what you say and what you learned."
Senior Ari Davis



"You have to function as a member of the team. You have to be able to judge when to give and when to take. You have to cooperate."
Senior Carolyn Tackett



"I think anyone who enjoys learning new things and having fun with friends should be a member."
Junior Cristina Kladis

Applying what you have learned in class

ACADEMIC SUPERBOWL

Fine arts, social studies, math, English, science and interdisciplinary, those were the six categories the Academic Superbowl team competed in this year.

"We got online study packets from the foundation that sponsors the competition," senior Ari Davis, who has been on the Academic Superbowl team since Middle School. "The study packets give you an idea of the outline, then you have to come up with things to study for," senior Carolyn Tackett, captain of the math team, added.

Everyone has the opportunity to find their own way of preparing for the competition.

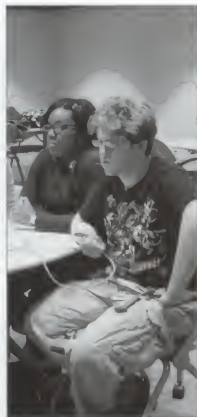
"I prepared by studying after school, reading, talking with kids from the team, and your knowledge from class helps you as well," junior Jack Collier, captain of the English team said.

The team placed overall 2nd out of fifteen teams at the regional competition on April 21st at Chesterton High School.

"The competitions are fun. We learn about a lot of topics that you don't do in class, like about the Norse culture," Tackett said.

"You learn a lot more, than in class, study on your own, make new friends and fell smart," Davis added.

Story by Verena Baten



Senior Nathan Livingston is listening to the instructions during an Academic Superbowl competition.

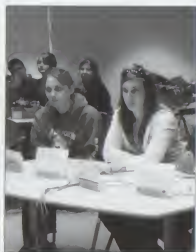
Photo provided by Mr. Tom Kenning



Senior Bradly Wellborne, sophomore Grace Casimer, junior Sarah Flores and junior Matthew Clifford are trying their best for a good score at the competition. Photo provided by Mr. Tom Kenning



Senior Carolyn Tackett is waiting for the next question. Photo provided by Mr. Tom Kenning

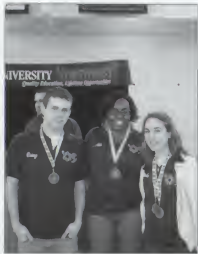


The team members listen carefully and focus on their next question. Photo provided by Mr. Tom Kenning

Senior Carolyn Tackett, Senior Ari Davis and Jessica Sobocinski are trying to find the right answer for their question in fine arts. Photo provided by Mr. Tom Kenning



Junior Casey Smith, senior Ari Davis and senior Nicole Hudson are excited about their medals they received for their performances. Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle



The members of the Science Olympiad team are posing for a group picture after their successful performance in the competition. Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle



Meet the PREZ



Heather Robinson

Favourite class?

Any science classes

Hobbies?

music, any academic related things

Why Science Olympiad?

It's a unique kind of school. You're doing it on your own time, and find somebody to help you. You can do what interests you and of the competitions you see how your efforts pay off.

How to save an egg SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Fun, interesting, exciting, adventurous - that is how the members of the Science Olympiad

describe biology, physics and chemistry. Fourteen students were able to experience everything but "boring" science classes. With a lot of success they demonstrated how fascinating and entertaining science can be and earned seventh out of eleven schools overall with five individual medals at the regional competition at IUN.

"My favorite event was the egg-o-navt. It's about rocket science. You had to make your own rocket and could use one litre plastic bottles and everything else that was within the restrictions. The goal was to securely launch an egg in a rocket and to land it on the ground without breaking the egg. The rocket that stayed in the air the longest won," senior and president of the Science Olympiad

team Heather Robinson explained.

"My favorite event was 'picture this', because

this was a new event. It works like 'pictionary', except with science terms, and it is really fun," senior Nicole Hudson said.

Some other events were less visually: "Cell bio was just a test. You walked to different stations and they give you tests to fill out. We got 1st place at that, which made me really proud," Robinson stated.

The students would not have been as successful without their high effort in preparing for the competition.

"For some events we had to build things beforehand. And for the tests we had to study with our partner, determine our strengths and weaknesses, and make sure to cover the entire field. Just paying attention in class helped us a lot," Robinson said.

Story by Verena Balen

What do you like about Science Olympiad?

Senior Heather Robinson is excited about her egg-o-naut, that had to be built in one of the events. Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle



"I like about Science Olympiad, that there are different events that you can choose from. So you can focus on different aspects of science and challenge yourself at those events."

Senior Nicole Hudson



"I like that you compete against other schools in events we normally wouldn't compete at, like the egg-o-naut. I did astronomy and ecology. They ask you questions. It's like a test."

Sophomore Mayra Martinez



"I did building events. It's always exciting. My favorite was electric vehicle. You have to build a vehicle, and make it go a certain distance, by touching it only once in the beginning. I like that you can do it with friends."

Senior Gavin Williams



"My favorite event was microbe biology. It was a trial event and I liked it, because you just wouldn't think that a High School would do such an event."

Junior Shannon Corcoran



Senior Gavin Williams and senior Clinton Buckland are testing their electric vehicle. In order to win it has to go a certain distance by only being touched once in the beginning. Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle

Junior Carlos Gutiérrez and Senior Ratigan walk down the runway arm and arm showing the great outfits. Photo by Alec Back

Showing it off for you FROM FASHION AND EXPO SHOW



The prom fashion and expo. show is a very helpfull event to take part in for stundets whom are planning to attend prom. The expo show is a funderaiser sponsered by the junior class to raise money for prom.

Other than rasing money for prom it also allows some students, male and female to go up on stage in front of their family and friends to strut their stuff in this years hottest dresses

and tuxs.

It also allows students to walk around the commens to different tabels of venders for whom are offering for a every little detail of prom that you can think of. For a resonable price.

Also at the prom fashion and expo. show there are chances to receive discounts and enter contests drawings to win awesome prizes

Story by Kendra Becker





The girls take one finale walk across the stage to refresh the audiences memory of all of the breathe taking dresses.

Photo by Alec Back

Seniors Hannah Pajor and Nathan Fortenberry showing off her ballerina dress by put his finger on his head and allowing her to twirl.

Photo by Alec Back



Juniors Kelly Robbins gets pulled across the stage by his Fashion Show partner at this year's expo show.

Photo by Alec Back

Senior Kevin Jennings gets on his knee to hold his partner's hand. Photo By, Alec Back





Junior and BPA president Alex Yong standing outside of Walmart on a cold winter day, hoping that people will be generously donating to that BPA's food drive. Picture provided by Mrs. Robin Halberstadt

Juniors Katie Antal, Mark Woolum, Anthony Byron and Carrie Gonzalez collect a large amount of food for the food drive with a cart. At the end of the drive, all of the food was collected and put into the back of a pick-up truck. Picture provided by Mrs. Robin Halberstadt



Meet the PRESIDENT



Kyle Adkins

What made you run for state president?

"I ran because it's the highest position in BPA and I wanted to achieve that."

Why BPA?

"It gives me leadership skills and I want to be a CEO in the future."

Plans after high school?

"Go to business school and then become CEO of my own corporation"

Getting ready for the future **BPA**

The students involved in Business Professionals of America, or BPA, have many topics and different competitions to get involved in.

The work they do prepares them for their future by teaching them what it takes to be involved in, or even run, a business. They often hold after-school meetings where they work on numerous activities, some of which

are preparing them for competition.

"BPA is important in preparing me for my future and getting me ready for the career I one day hope to have. I like the competitions that we get involved in and I like how much we learn every time we meet," said freshman Brad Lafata. The group is having fun and planning for their bright futures.

Story by Brittany Coates

What was the best part of being in BPA this year?



"Being able to make connections and getting a head start with the connections."

Brad Lafata, freshman



"The people and then environment."

Christopher Swier, sophomore



"Going to state and having fun with my friends."

Amanda Fengya, junior

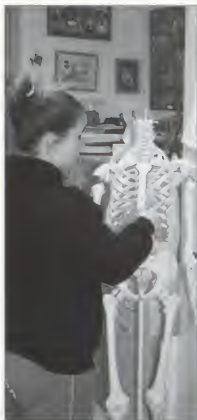


Kayla King (12)-"The best part? It's a wonderful experience."

Kayla King, senior



Portage High School Business Professionals of America held a local food drive at the near by Poratge Wal Mart. the recived alot of food. and it went toward a good cause. Picture provided by Mrs. Robin Halberstadt



Junior Carissa West examines the human skeleton while in her HOSA class. Photo by Joey Bain



I need an education and a great time, STAT HOSA

Many students in high school are interested in future careers in the health profession, whether it is nursing, dentistry, surgery, cardiology or a regular family doctor.

Besides taking advanced health classes, many of these students got involved in Health Occupation Students of America, or HOSA.

In this club, students can participate in anything from learning about and practicing taking vital signs to participating in the state convention, during which the students visit hospitals

and medical facilities and talk and listen to doctors, nurses and other professionals in the healthcare field.

Senior Sean Murphy is this year's HOSA president.

"HOSA means the future to me. I plan to pursue a career in either pediatrics or pediatric dentistry. HOSA allows me to network with other people from all over the country and to learn skills that most people learn in college," Murphy said.

Murphy beat out five people from Evansville for the spot.

In order to be the president, Murphy has to maintain a "B" average, be a good public speaker, have a good personality and have a passion to make HOSA better. He has to preside over all of the meetings and conferences as well.

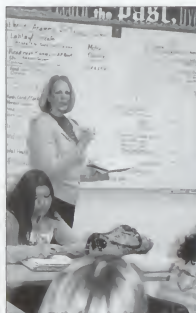
"I love HOSA and everything HOSA stands for. I invite anyone with an interest in Health Occupations to join HOSA," Murphy said.

Story by Liz Broadie

What was your favorite part of being in HOSA?



Senior Stephanie Espinosa and Junior Carlos Gutierrez help each other while practicing good sanitation and caution by wearing rubber gloves. Photo by Joey Bain



HOSA advisor Mrs. Lynn Wilson lectures her anatomy and physiology class. Photo by Joey Bain



"Everything, it's an enjoyable experience to be a part of." Julie Fletcher, junior



"I like to meet new people, and we do a lot of interesting activities in HOSA!" Jesse Garibaldi, junior



"Getting to meet the other HOSA students in Indiana." Hope Pennington, junior



"The network because I've met people from different states. If you want to be in the medical profession, I recommend it." Sean Murphy, senior



HOSA student Amanda Elkins practices on Mea Bujna, also a HOSA student, trying to find her blood pressure. Amanda Elkins really enjoys being in HOSA and believes that HOSA is laying down a good foundation for her future in a medical career. Photo by Joey Bain



Passion that makes a difference **ART CLUB**

This year, the Portage High School Art Club gave their artwork a whole new meaning.

Staying after school, spending a lot of time on a pottery wheel, pouring their hearts into something that they hope that their fellow Portage residents will love is all part of being in Art Club.

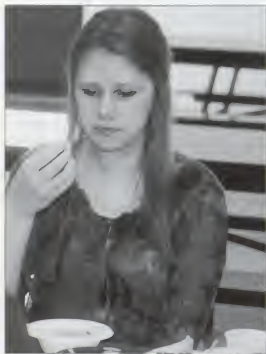
Art club is somewhere students can go to have fun and socialize with friends, also while making something beautiful, something that they can be

proud to say that they made.

The bowls are all different shapes and sizes and colors. Each student got to decide what type of bowl they made, how big they wanted to make it and what colors they want to make them also if they want any types of design. It was totally their own.

Many Portage residents were really excited to see all the different colors and designs, and were really impressed with the talent we have here at Portage High School.

Story by Kendra Becker



Junior Sarah Smith takes a break to sit down and eat at the Empty Bowls Project lunch.
Photo by Melissa Deavers

"While doing my art work I can sort my day out. It helps me think better." Sophomore Simone Imgram

Freshmen Naomi Witten collects donations for the Empty Bowls Project. Photo by Melissa Deavers

Two Portage residents look at bowls made by Portage High School's Art Club students. Photo by Melissa Deavers



Sophomores Timothy Kranick and Catherine Clem sit and socialize while Portage residents look at the bowls. Photo by Melissa Deavers



"We all get to work on our own projects. I really like when we do projects for charity."

Amanda Thorn, sophomore



"You pretty much get to do what you want to do, I really like the Empty Bowls Project for charity."

Elizabeth Berns, sophomore



"I can express myself. I also get to be creative."

Simone Ingram, sophomore



"We don't get assignments, we get projects, and we work on our own projects."

Catherine Clem, sophomore

Why do you like being an artist in the Art Club?



"It's interesting and keeps me occupied."
Alison Gannon, sophomore



"I enjoy talking about the books that we read, and the food."
Shelby Keith, junior



"Finding out what other people thought about the books, compared to what I thought."
Cristina Kladis, junior



"My favorite part about reading is it can take you anywhere."
Evyn Hale, senior

Turning the pages of our lives YOUNG ADULT READERS

What normal high school students despise doing, some also do for leisure and fun. The Portage High School Young Adult Readers Club does just that.

Students who enjoy reading can join the club to have fun, read and interact with other students who share their interest and passion for books.

"I enjoyed reading *Twilight* a lot; it's pretty much what started book club." Junior Cristina Kladis said.

This year's Young Adult Readers Club held a very popular raffle ticket drawing

where the winner of the drawing won a signed copy of the popular book *Twilight*.

"There are more students who just attend a book or two, that is something

that we encourage."

Young Adult Readers club advisor Mrs. Heather Castle said.

Young Adult Readers Club

read many different genres of books. No matter what types of books you like, reading club probly covered it.

Story by Kendra Becker



A group of students take their lunch break from a long and exciting day with their reading club friends at Barnes and Nobles.

Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle



Juniors Jack Collier and Emily Carpenter enjoy a refreshing smoothie while attending the Young Adult Reader's Club Book Fair at Barnes and Noble in Merrillville. **Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle**



Junior Emily Carpenter and Mrs. Heather Castle pose for a picture at Barnes and Noble. **Photo provided by Mrs. Heather Castle**

Senior Caleb Kitchen, junior Luke Deckard and junior Bret Trowbridge evaluate the Pow Wow to make sure that everything is in it's intended place. Photo By Kendra Becker

Meet the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Jordan Steiger

Favorite Class?

Pow Wow and AP History

Favorite Food?

Chicken Alfredo

*Favorite thing to do outside
of school?*

Play volleyball and hang
out with friends



Setting all of the Rumors Straight **POW WOW**

Everyone knows about the Portage High School Pow Wow. It is very popular reading material on SSR Friday, well at least every other Friday, when the Pow Wow is distributed.

Pow Wow procrastinating is just not an option. The students in Pow Wow work really hard to get something out that the rest of the students at Potage High School will want to read, they stay after school to make sure that they have their stories perfected by deadline and ready for the press.

The Pow Wow covers everything

goes on at Portage High School, jokes, comics and opinions to some real controversies and hard hitting news. That spark up a lot lot of talk in the halls here at PHS. The students at PHS really enjoy and look forward to getting and reading the latest edition, anxious to see what the Pow Wow staff has cooked up for us this week.

This year's Pow Wow has hit a couple rough spots. An article hit the front page about *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, which was being banned from the school

reading curriculum. when the paper ran it caught the eye of the administrators. Once seeing the article, the administrators put the student writers and the newspaper's first amendment into question, but the Pow Wow students weren't giving up, which reserved them a spot at the First Amendment Symposium at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis, where Jordan Steiger was a featured speaker about her victory against the school administrators.

Story by Kendra Becker

What was your favorite part about being on Pow Wow?



"All of it, I mean if you don't have friends in there you make new ones and it's like a family."
Ashley Pezan, sophomore



"Being the first person to know what's going on in Portage and the high school."
Jesse Garibaldi, junior



"It's really fun to make a great newspaper and inform the student body about important topics."
Jordan Steiger, junior

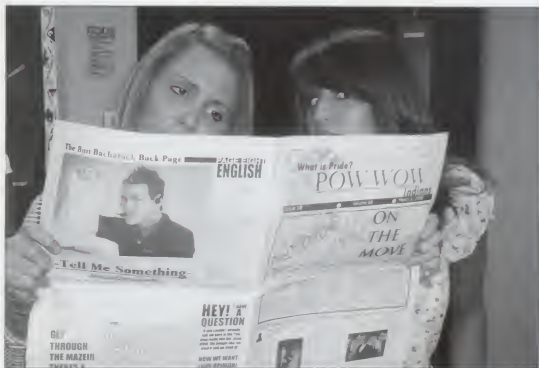


"I get to say whatever I want and learn about journalism."
Mike Sikora, senior



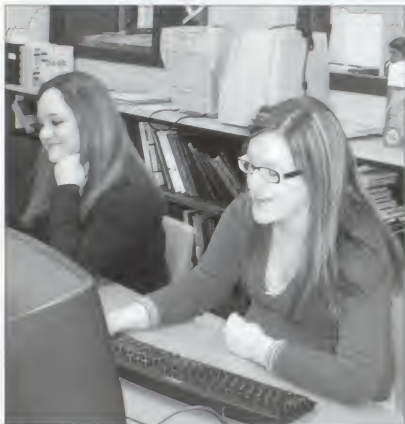
Sophomore Ashley Pezan sorts the newspaper into groups of ten, so the popular reading material can be distributed to eager PHS students to read.

Photo By Kendra Becker



Juniors Cammie Manoski and Sarah Herald admire their work in the latest issue. The PowWow class bought a ShamWow cloth, tested and wrote about it in the newspaper for the whole student body to see. Photo by Kendra Becker

Managing Editor Brittany Coates and Editor-in-Chief Liz Broadie, both seniors, work to complete pages for the next yearbook deadline. **Photo by Kendra Becker**



The Legend staff groups together for a fun-filled picture. The staff consisted of Liz Broadie, Brittany Coates, Joey Bain, Rachel Jordan, Karaline Cartagena, Kendra Becker, Brittany Johnson, Ben Mathewson. Not pictured are juniors Verena Batan and Thales Camargo

Photo by Melissa Deavers



Making Memories

LEGEND

When hearing of Portage High School's Legend, most people would have no idea what it means, unless you are actually in it. It is more commonly known as yearbook.

This year's Legend students knew how to have a good time, but also knew when it was time to settle down and get work done. They spent a lot of time after school writing stories, placing pictures and trying to make deadlines. They worked really hard to make an amazing book that you will want to

remember for the rest of your life.

"I like Legend because I like to be able to take pictures of cute boys,"

"I like Legend because I like to be able to take pictures of cute boys."
Rachel Jordan, junior

junior Rachel Jordan said.

When being a part of the Legend staff, procrastinating was just not an option. If

you failed to meet a deadline, forgot a sport, club, prom or homecoming, a lot of people are going to notice and be very disappointed.

Story by Kendra Becker

Meet the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Liz Broadie

Favorite Class?

Yearbook

Favorite Food?

Onion Rings

Favorite thing to do outside of school?

Hang out with friends

What did you enjoy most about being on the Legend staff?



"I'm a photographer, and I really like taking pictures."

Ben Mathewson, sophomore



"I like that I get to express my creative side. It's good experience for me and the career path I'm taking when I go to college, and we have a lot of fun in here."

Karaline Cartagena, junior



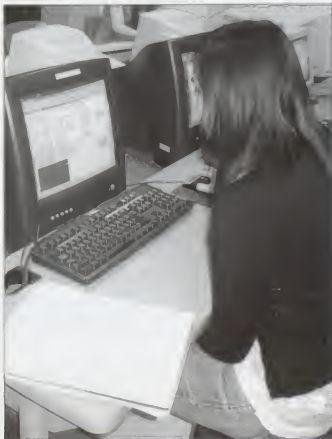
"I like being a part of a group that makes memories for other people."

Joey Bain, junior



"Being able to be involved in my school and be with such fun people at the same time."

Brittany Coates, senior



Junior Joey Bain completes his Math and English pages for his section. Bain was this year's Academics Editor. **Photo by Kendra Becker**

Junior Karaline Cartagena looks over one of her pages for the yearbook. Cartagena was this year's Student Life Editor, along with junior Thales Camargo.

Photo by Kendra Becker

A small group from the club stands in front of students at Fegely Middle School and show them how diversity is something cool and acceptable.
Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas



Meet the **PREZ**



Tony Barnes

Favorite Food:
Fettucine Alfredo

After High School:
Columbia College of Chicago

Why diversity club?:
"I'm tooooooo diverse."

Thinking Outside the Box **DIVERSITY CLUB**

Thinking outside the box is just what Diversity Club does. A vast variety of students from PHS, all taken and combined together, created a unique, powerful, and difference-making group this year.

Not only has the Diversity Club showed how diversity is an advantage to PHS, but they also showed students at other schools that with more diversity comes more acceptance and a better place to be.

This year, the Diversity Club travelled to Fegely Middle School to

perform skits that they worked on, showing the students how their transition

to high school will not only be a change in the size of school, but a great change in the size of diversity.

"The students at Fegely really listened and were really excited about diversity," junior Amanda Alasauskas said.

The Diversity club not only made a difference in PHS this year, but they also made a difference

for other students coming into PHS in the following years.

Story by Joey Bain

"The students at Fegely really listened and were really excited about diversity."

-Junior Amanda Alasauskas

What was your favorite event that happened this year?



"Seeing the reactions from our skits on the kid's faces from Fegely."

Junior Amanda Alasauskas



"Laughing with all of the students."

Mrs. Jennifer Reilly



"Getting to know all the stellar people around the school."

Junior Nessa Junyand



"Hearing the intellectual questions from the younger generations at Fegely."

Junior Nick Whitney



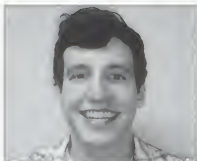
Freshman Morgan Jackson and Junior Evan Dominguez perform their skits for the students at Fegely Middle School.

Photo by Amanda Alasauskas



After a successful day of skit performing, the Diversity Club gets together for a snapshot with Portage Township Schools Superintendent Michael Berta. Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas

What do you like about being a thespian?



"I like just being involved in the theater aspect. Thespians are great people. It's never quite the same because there are always different people."
Senior Justin Ruiz



"I loved the musical, and I loved to dance in it and to meet new people, it was a good way to end my senior year."
Senior Kaylan Knutsen



"It is always a lot of fun being around people who are as silly. I liked putting the musical together, and the Variety show was fun as well. It's a great group, we are just awesome."
Senior Whitney Johnson



"The kids are nice, you get to do plays, we all love each other and we did the best musical in the world this year."
Senior Tony Barnes

In front of and behind the curtain **THESPIANS**

Not only on stage the thespians had a great time this year.

Besides the fall play "ER" and the spring musical "Little Shop of horrors" the some 30 members met throughout the whole year for many theater related events.

Like every year they set up a variety show, and hosted a Halloween party where they dressed up in their favorite costume and a christmas party with gag gifts.

The seniors were given a trip to Chicago in the end of the year and some thespians were awarded for their outstanding

performances at the yearly banquet.

Additionally, they had some new events like movie nights, where they

watched "Little Shop of Horrors" and the Musical "Chicago".

Having printed their own t-shirts that read "Thespians, do it on stage...wanna watch?", was one of their favorites.

"In my four years of being a Thespian that was my first year we printed t-shirts. Everyone was very happy," senior and Thespian President Justin Ruiz said.

Story by Verena Baten

"I also like working behind the scenes and learning about the other aspects of putting on a show."
Senior Kaylan Knutsen



Junior Nessa Junyanid is playing the character of Audrey in this year's spring musical "Little Shop of Horrors." Photo by Melissa Deavers



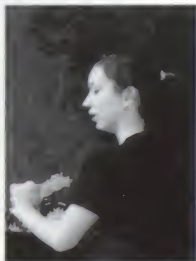
Senior Darcy Richardson and senior Tony Barnes are posing for a picture after the their performance in the spring musical "Little Shop of Horrors". Darcy Richardson was the puppetier of the star of the show, the plant Audrey II while Tony Barnes gave the plant a voice. Photo by Melissa Deavers



Senior Whitney Johnson is acting on stage in this years fall play "ER". She has been a thespian and actress in the school plays since her freshman year. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Senior Kaylan Knutsen is playing a nurse in the fall play "ER". Photo by Rachel Jordan



The Thespian members are gathering for a meeting to discuss upcoming events. Photo by Kendra Becker



The defensive squad
for the varsity football
team put on their
game face and get
ready to take down
their opponents.

Photo by Rachel Jordan



How would you describe success in athletics? Some students describe success as beating our biggest rival. Others describe it as beating a school record, or even a personal record. The entire athletic department put a number on success: 225. After the athletic teams beat the Club 225 goal, ask yourself this question:

What do you think about... **THE PERFECT VICTORY**



Junior Nessa Junyanid does a practice swing before hitting the ball during a golf match this year. Photo by Rachel Jordan



A PHS soccer player steals the ball from the opponent during a soccer game. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Senior Tivon Waddell paces himself through the course at Woodland Park. Photo by Rachel Jordan

Varsity Schedule

Andean	Highland	Lake Central	Merrillville/HC	Crown Point
Home	Home	Home	Home	Away
Win 40-7	Win 41-6	Win 26-7	Win 22-20	Lose 21-6
8/22	8/23	8/30	9/6	9/13
8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19	
Andean	Highland	Lake Central	Merrillville	
Away	Home	Away	Away	
Lose	Lose	Lose 23-12	Lose	

Sibling Rivalry MELCIC VS. MELCIC



Jason Melcic, senior

Legend: How many years have you played football for PHS?

Jason: Three on varsity.

Legend: How did you feel when you heard you were not eligible to play your senior year?

Jason: Really disappointed. But I'm happy for Eric.

Legend: How do you feel about your brother Eric playing QB?

Jason: I'm proud of him. I'm really glad he's the one who took my spot instead of someone else.



Eric Melcic, sophomore

Legend: How many years have you played football for PHS?

Eric: Two all together.

Legend: How did you feel when you heard your brother was not eligible to play?

Eric: Kind of upset, I look up to him. He helps me with stuff both when I'm on the field and when I'm not.

Legend: Do you think you'll play for the next two years of PHS?

Eric: Definitely! I just have to keep my grades up.



Senior Nathaniel Coleman readies himself to hand the ball off to sophomore quarterback Eric Melcic. Melcic took over for his older brother, senior Jason Melcic, after he was unable to play this season. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Varsity players and sophomores Mason Flores and Mike Schiller ready themselves on the field during a home game this year. The boys helped the team finish the season 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the DAC. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



<u>Chesterton</u> Away Lose 37-14	<u>Michigan City</u> Home Win 20-14	<u>Valparaiso</u> Away Lose 45-7	<u>LaPorte</u> Home Win 28-19
9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11
<u>Crown Point</u> Home Lose	<u>Chesterton</u> Home Lose	<u>Michigan City</u> Away Lose	<u>Valparaiso</u> Home Lose
9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17
			<u>Laporte</u> Away Lose
			10/18

Record: 6-4

Hut, Hut, Hike!

"We didn't have the best record, but we came together as a team, and that's all that really adds up," assistant football coach Ryan Kardash said.

The boys on the varsity team surely had something to brag about. This year's final overall record came out at 6-4, with a DAC record of 4-3, which was a big step up from last year.

"We had a ton of improvement from previous years," junior Keenan Ruzga said. Ruzga was a tight end on the boys varsity team. This is his third year playing and thinks next year will only be better.

On the other hand, almost 30 senior players will be leaving the team this year.

Senior Ryan Cherry, varsity boys running back said that

"We have awesome coaches, too. They're the kind of people that you never really forget."

Ryan Cherry, 12

BOYS FOOTBALL PHS football would be one of his most missed memories.

"It's a great sport to learn. We have awesome coaches, too. They're the kind of people that you never really forget," Cherry said.

Cherry played on the boys varsity football team all four years at PHS. Similar to him is senior tight end Clark Mussman.

"It's like something that helps shape your life. I loved football here, every part of it," Mussman said.

Story by Rachel Jordan



Senior varsity football player Vince Phillips defends a player from Highland. Phillips held the position of outside lineman.

Photo by Rachel Jordan



Row 1: Orlando Ortiz, Carlos Banilla, Brandon Welbourne, Jacob Maddox, Anthony Nichols, Terry Townsend, Eric Melic, Davante Hudson, David Castaneda, Arturo Del Real, Cal Davis, Nick Mescal, Sean Hutchinson

Row 2: Travis Pride, Brian Barnes, Derek Daugherty, Josh Pidgeon, Maria Franka, Killian Kidd, Ryan Cherry, Zach Mylinski, Zach Huston, Gabe Myers, Kevin Hinkle, Tyler Brown, Marcus Jones, Sean Alvey

Row 3: Tristen Pearman, Kyle Dranchok, Sean Edwards, Joey Maldonado, Justin Rhein, Mason Flores, Drew Keil, Matt Ortiz, Cady Suli, Jeff Kelley, Calvin Best, Damian Hunt, Jon Lehmann, Cameron Eaton **Row 4:** Marcus Carrozzel, Tyler Richter, Kyle Hadley, Jason Melic, Cesar Ganilla, Christopher Simmons, Austin Orlich, Caleb McKee, Frederick Milledge, Jesse Magana, Mike Schiller, DeShawn Willis, Tyler Bohling **Row 5:** Josh Pidgeon, Jake Dixon, Myles Mendoza, Jamie Hara, Dominic Garcia, DeAndre Jackson, Nick Scott, Dominique Colunga, Nate Hurley, DJ Logsdon, Michael Budz, Andrew Vicari, Vince Fischer, David Ybarra **Row 6:** Jennifer Jett, Carlos Banilla, Kyle Hadley, Tyler Manahan, Vince Phillips, Clark Mussman, Keenan Ruzga, Jake Wirrick, Joe Pozzoli, Kyle Knatts, Marcus Bush, Jacob Parrish, Leanna Jett **Row 7:** Asst. Coach Ben Faulkner, Asst. Coach Nick Haas, Asst. Coach Rob Kania, Head Coach Mark Peterson, Asst. Coach Ronnie Sazone, Asst. Coach Ryan Kardash, Asst. Coach Arriana Del Real **Photo by Root Studios**

"It's like something that helps shape your life. I loved football here, every part of it." -Senior Clark Mussman **169**

Par, Birdie, Bogey

GIRLS GOLF

Most golf players swing their club and aim for a hole-in-one. When Sarah Dienes swung her club, she aimed farther.

The DAC for girl's golf is made up of eight teams, with five girls on each team. Out of the 40 girls in the conference, ten get the opportunity to be recognized as DAC All Conference. This

being only Dienes' second year of golf at the high school, her

"It was cool to be part of it because it takes hard work to be in it and it feels like everything has paid off."

Sarah Dienes, 10

being named DAC All Conference was even more special. "It was cool to be part of it because it takes hard work to be in it and it feels like everything has paid off," Dienes, a sophomore, said

about the honor. The golf team finished with a record of 6-4.

Story by Rachel Jordan



Row 1: Liddy Zuilkowski, Nessa Junyanid, **Row 2:** Taylor Wilson, Melissa Rance, Megan Harris
Row 3: Coach Connie Cole, Sarah Dienes, Alex Simmons, Carolyn Tackett, Shelby Milner **Photo by Root Studios**

Freshman Jessica Morris takes a break during the final home golf match of the season. The girls finished with a record of 7-5 overall and 3-4 in the DAC. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Junior Nessa Junyanid lines herself up for her first putt of the match. This is Junyanid's third year playing on the varsity girls tennis team. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Varsity Schedule		Plymouth		Kankakee Valley		DAC Invite		Chesterton		Crown Point	
		Away		Away		Away		Away		Away	
		8th Place	8/8	5th Place	8/12	4th Place	8/19	196-211 L	8/21	189-198 W	
8/7	Lake Central	Away	8/11	Rensselaer	8/18	BG/Wheeler	8/20	Valparaiso	8/26		
	2nd Place			12th Place		Dual Wins		208-208 L			



Shelby Milner swings her club on the Robinhurst golf course in Portage. Milner is one of four seniors on the team. Coach Cole had expressed at the meet how much she would be missed after she graduates. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Player PROFILE



Sarah Dienes

Best Accomplishment

Being named DAC All Conference

Favorite Meet

At home against Laport

Why Golf?

Because it's really fun and something that I can do for my whole life.

<u>Hobart/HC</u>		<u>Munster</u>		<u>Lake Central</u>	
Home		Away		Home	
8/28	9/2	9/9	9/20		
Dual Wins	213-236 L	189-167 L			

Record: 6-4

<u>LaPorte</u>	8/29	<u>Michigan City</u>	9/8	<u>Merrillville</u>	9/10	<u>Sectional</u>
Home		Home		Away		Away
Lost		Win		203-253 W		4th Place

Varsity Schedule

Andread	Morton	Chesterton	Laporte	Michigan
Away Win	Away Win	Home Lose	Home Lose	Away Win
8/18	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11
	8/19	8/27	9/2	9/9
	Hobert	Boone Grove	Valparaiso	Lake Central
	Away Win	Home Lose	Away Lose	Away Lose



Junior Jordan Steiger, who has played for the varsity volleyball team since her freshman year, shows perfect form after bumping the ball back over the net. The varsity team finished with a record of 15-16. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Fans in the stand look on with anticipation as sophomore Alicia Ciesielski readies herself to serve the ball in a match against Valparaiso on September 25. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Senior varsity player Kayla Wright jumps at the net in an attempt to spike the ball. The varsity team finished 5-9 in the Duneland Athletic Conference. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Merrillville		Lowell		Munster		Crown Point	
Away		Home		Away		Away	
Win		Win		Lose		Win	
9/17		9/22		9/30		10/2	
	9/18		9/29		10/1		10/9
Crown Point		Highland		LaPorte		Lake Central	
Home		Home		Away		Away	
Lose		Win		Lose		Lose	
						Wheeler	
						Away	
						Win	

Record: 15-16

Bump, Set, Spike

GIRLS VOLLEBALL

The girls volleyball team might not have had the best record, but according to the players they did have the best coaches.

"She's crazy! But in the good way," sophomore Alicia Ciesielski said about head coach Jessie Fox.

"She really knows how to get us going."

Fox has been coaching the girls team for two seasons.

"I love the way she

starts off the season," senior Kayla Wright said. "She brings us together, all the new girls on the team and the old girls

from last year. Its fun."

This seasons the record ended at

**sophomore
Alicia Ciesielski**

15-16. Next season Fox plans to coach again and she said that they [PHS Girls Volleyball] are going to work really hard.

Story by Rachel Jordan

Player PROFILE



Alicia Ciesielski

Legend: What's your favorite position on the court?

Alicia: Probably center, because I'm tall. I'm a hitter so it makes it easier that way too.

Legend: How many years have you played volleyball?

Alicia: Five altogether, but only 2 at PHS.

Legend: What's your least favorite drill to run at practice?

Alicia: Probably timed suicides. We don't always make the time so we end up doing it over and over. I hate it.



Row 1: Kayla Wright, Amanda Rapo, Britni Navina, Tina Golden
Row 2: Brittany Dall, Jessica Bruno, Alicia Ciesielski, Dani Bryan, Ashley Thompson, Jordan Steiger
Row 3: Courtney Byrd, As sistant Coach Tiffany Meikle, Head Coach Jessie Fox, Associate Coach Jenny Kramer, Megan Brammer
Photo by Root Studios

Girls in Red Run For Blue

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

For the girl's Cross Country team, this year was one of breaking records, State qualifications, and remarkable team finishes. The girls finished third in the DAC, second at Sectional and second at Regional as well. In October, the team went to the New Prairie semi-state meet, finished third, and qualified for State. Freshman Terra Norman set a school record there.

"It [setting the record] was really the best feeling in the world. I was so happy! I had worked really hard for it all season and to finally do it was amazing," said Norman about her record setting run.

"I'm so proud of the girls this year."

**Head Coach
Chuck Heimburg**

When the girls went onto State, they came up with an honorable 12th place finish. Finishers in the top 100 included Norman (47), sophomore Christina DelTurco (87), and freshman Abby Trader (96).

Overall the girls finished with a final record of 4-3.

"I'm so proud of the girls this year," Head Coach Chuck Heimburg said. Heimburg has been coaching for over 20 years

for Portage and six of those years have gone to the dedication of being the cross-country head coach. He plans on coaching for many years to come.

Story by Rachel Jordan

A member of the PHS Girls Cross Country Team starts a 5K race off by running inbetween and then past two opponents from the other school.

Picture by Rachel Jordan



Freshman Paige Mulle tries to catch an opponent from Merriville during a 5K race at Woodland Park on the 23 of September. **Picture by Rachel Jordan**

Row 1: Jabria Ezell, Racquel Cervantes, Brianne Cipich, Sierra King, Alexis Mckee, Paige Mulle **Row 2:** erra Norman, Katlin Salinas, Ashley Sass, Abby Trader, Samantha Becker **Row 3:** Christina DelTurco, Kelly Williams, Rachel Foreman, Christine Solis, Nicole Hudson, Andrea Falk **Picture by Root Studios**



Varsity Schedule

Gavit Invite		Harrison		Valparaiso		Crown Point		NP Invite	
Away	2nd Place	9/2	Away	9/9	LaPorte	9/13	Away	9/16	Away
			Tie		Lose		Lose		11th Place
8/30	Lake Central	9/6	LaPorte	9/9	Carmel Invite	9/16	Michigan city	9/20	
	Away		Away		Away		Crown Point		
	Lose		Win		2nd Place		Win		



Sophomore Kelly Williams, a member of the varsity girls cross country team, warms up before a race. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Junior Christine Solis warms up before a 5K run at Woodland Park. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Player PROFILE



Terra Norman

Best Record

16 minutes 12 seconds
5K Run

Favorite Meet

Chesterton

Favorite Accomplishment

Setting a school record



<u>Chesterton</u>		<u>DAC Meet</u>		<u>Regional</u>		<u>State</u>	
	Home		Away		Away		Away
9/23	Win	9/27	3rd Place	10/14	2nd Place	10/25	12th Place
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<u>Merrillville</u>	9/23	<u>Culver Invite</u>	10/4	<u>Sectional</u>	10/18	<u>Semi-State</u>	11/1
Home		Away		Away		Away	
Win		11th		2nd Place		3rd Place	

Record: 100-31

Varsity Schedule

Penn	LaPorte & Valpo	Crown Point	New Prairie	Chesterton
Away	Away	Away	Away	Away
12th place	9/2 Lose	9/13 Lose	9/16 20th place	9/23 Lose
8/30	9/9	9/16	9/20	9/23
Lake Central	Carmel Invite	Michigan City	Merrillville	
Away	Away	Away	Home	
Lose	Tie	Lose	Win	

Player PROFILE

Jacob Sullivan



Best Record

17 minutes 14 seconds

5K Run

Years Played

Three on varsity

*Whats it like having your dad as an
assitant coach?*

I didn't want my dad to be my assitant coach. It would have been weird.
I actually told him not to, but he obviously didn't listen.



Junior Alex Young paces himself as he begins his 5k run at Woodland Park. Young ran on the junior varsity team throughout the entire year and plans on going out for the team next year. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Junior Jacob Sullivan runs towards the finish line during a race at Woodland Park on September 23, 2008. Jacob Sullivan has run varsity for 3 consecutive years. During the season Sullivan had a couple of issues with his knee, but he says that it wasn't anything major. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



DAC Meet

9/27 Away 10/14
 7th Place

Culver Invite

Away
 24th Place

10/4

Sectional

Away
 6th Place

Record: 1-6

Sophomore Josh Sullivan runs along the Woodland Park path during a 5K run on September 23. Josh Sullivan, brother of junior Jake Sullivan, and son of Assistant Coach Dave Sullivan plans to follow the footsteps of both his older brother and dad and continue to run throughout his highschool career. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Run Like The Wind

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

"The boys are great. They always try their hardest, both in school and XC," head coach Tom Erickson said.

This year Tom Erickson began his third season as the head coach of the varsity boys cross country team. Erickson said he wasn't very concerned with the numbers in the ending record, but the attitude the boys projected throughout the season.

"He's a good coach, very concerned with everything we do during season." junior Alex Young

"He's a good coach, very concerned with everything we do during season," junior Alex Young said.

With a final record of 1-6, Erickson said that he will work with the boys during the off season to help try and improve that for next season.

"We run off season, not everybody runs with the team but they like us to," junior Mike Hord said. "Either way though, they just want us to run."



Row 1: Tyler Swets, Robert Blackwell, Jacob Sullivan, Brandon Coppinger, Ken Longfellow, Ross Falk **Row 2:** Kyle Eastman, Carlos Garza, Alex Yang, Max Z mija, Kyle Kremke, Coach John Arredondo **Row 3:** Coach Dave Sullivan, Cory Lamping, Josh Sullivan, Ethan Steele, Mike Hord, Brian Kim, Tivon Waddell, Coach Tom Erickson **Photo by Root Studios**



Members of the boys cross country team jog a warm up before a 5K run at Woodland park. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Racket, Wack it, Hit That Thang

BOYS TENNIS

"Even though I wasn't the head coach, I felt just as important," assistant boys tennis coach David Lankin said. "It just goes to show how close the whole team really was."

The boys varsity tennis team finished off the season with a record of 1-6 and a Duneland Athletic Conference record of 2-4.

"Really, we just had teammates you could rely on," senior Jackson Zyla said.

Zyla started off the year playing

varsity singles. In mid-season, Zyla made the switch to varsity doubles.

"Really, we just had teammates you could rely on."

**-Varsity tennis player
Jackson Zyla**

"I like having that security of someone I can fall back on," Zyla said.

Not only does the varsity boys tennis team have the other players to rely on, they also have two coaches that are always there.

"We had big changes this year," junior Michah Farley said. "Our new coach [Dana Carrillo] made us realize that winning isn't everything, but learning is."

Story by Rachel Jordan

Junior Tim Geherls stretches before a tennis match. This is Geherls' second consecutive year playing on the high school boys tennis team. **Photo By Rachel Jordan**



Junior Scott Reynolds twists his body to return a serve to his opponent. Reynolds' is a varsity player considered to be an important aspect to the team. **Photo By Rachel Jordan**



Row 1: Zac Lundy, David Zack, Kyle Tampier Row 2: Josh Gensel, Parth Patel, Gavin Williams, Nick Arroyo Row 3: Head Coach Dana Carrillo, Scott Reynolds, Jackson Zyla, Tim Geherls, Alex Kaneany, Assistant Coach David Lakin



Varsity Schedule		8/22		8/25		8/30		9/10		9/16	
Hobart Home Lose		Lowell Away Win 5-0		Chesterton Home 5-0		Wheeler Away Lose 5-0		Lake Central Away Lose 4-1			
8/19		9/2		9/9		9/11					
Griffith Away Lose		Lowell JV Invite Away W/W/L		LaPorte Home 5-0		Michigan City Home Canceled					



Sophomore Parth Patel offers a good-luck high-five before a match this season. Photo by Rachel Jordan

Junior Micah Farley attempts to return a ball during a scrimmage game against another member of the PHS boys tennis team. Farley had been out most of the season from a personal shoulder injury but during his absence he continued to practice and keep in shape. Photo By Rachel Jordan



Player PROFILE



Jackson Zyla

Grade:
Senior

Years Played Tennis:
Three

Personal Injuries During The Season:
I had a sprained ankle towards beginning of the season and was out for two days. Fortunately I didn't miss any matches.

Best Part Of Playing Doubles:
Being able to rely on your teammate is always nice. There's always someone to fall back on if you mess up.

<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Gary Roosevelt</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>	
Away		Away		Away	
Lose		Win 3-2		Win	
9/18	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/29
<u>Crown Point</u>	<u>Merrillville</u>	<u>Kankakee Valley</u>	<u>Andean</u>		
Home	Away	Away	Home		
Lose	Lose	W 4-1	Cancelled		

Record: 6-4

Varsity Schedule

<u>Munster</u>		<u>SB Central</u>		<u>Andrean</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>
Away		Home		Home		Away		Home
Lose	8/21	Win	8/27	Win	9/3	Lose	9/13	Win
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8/18	<u>SB St.Joe</u>	8/23	<u>Crown Point</u>	8/30	<u>Lake Central</u>	9/10	<u>Hobart</u>	9/17
	Away		Home		Away		Home	
	Win		Lose		Lose		Lose	

Player **PROFILE** Carlos Gutierrez



Why soccer?

It's a beautiful game!

What is your personal best for number of saves during one game?

10-14 saves

Favorite memory?

During the LaPorte game I 'toed' a ball and it hit this kid directly in his, well you know. The funny thing is it was one of LaPorte's best players.

Needless to say we won!



Sophomore Donavan Cole jumps to save a ball during a warm up before a game. Cole played the position of goalie numerous times during the boys varsity soccer season. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Junior defensive soccer player Alex Linville fills his position well as he kicks the ball to another Portage player. Linville played on both the varsity and junior varsity teams this year. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



<u>Marquette</u>		<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Culver</u>		<u>Sectional</u>		
Home		Away		Home		Away		
9/20	Win	9/24	Lose	10/2	Win	10/6	Win	10/18

Record: 6-3

<u>Logansport</u>		<u>Chesterton</u>		<u>Wheeler</u>		<u>Merrillville</u>		<u>Sectional</u>	
Home		Home		Away		Away		Away	
9/22	Win	9/26	Lose	10/4	Win	10/14	Win	Lose	

GOAL! BOYS SOCCER

"What can I say about Strom, oh, probably very rewarding and there is something that he's the best coach ever!" junior Jon Cox said.

Todd Strom has been coaching the varsity boys soccer team as head coach for two years and he coached for five years as the assistant coach.

"I love coaching here, its

"It's a beautiful game. I can say honestly that I love soccer!"

Carlos Gutierrez, 11

new every day." Todd Strom said.

Strom lead the boys to a record of 6-3 this season.

Unfortunately, the boys lost the first sectional game, but Strom said that next year they are going to work hard to go all the way.



Senior Joey Higgins dribbles the ball past an opponent in an attempt to score a goal during the game against Culver on October Fourth. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Showing off some of his moves, senior Tyler Gorden quickly catches then shoots the ball to score a goal in the Oct. 4 game against Culver. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Row 1: Christopher Mendoza, Ricardo Silva, Christian Cherry, Tyler Gorden, Brendan Swindle, Donavon Cole, Tyler Tampier
Row 2: Vince Chandler, Sean Parpart, Joey Higgins, Andy Austin, Walter Castrejon, Jeff Melton, Alex Linville
Row 3: Coach Todd Strom, Matt Leucuta, Jon Cox, Brandon Carter, Carlos Gutierrez, Kyle Adkins, Tyler Gorden, Matt Halfman, Assit. Coach Brett Bermes, Assit. Coach William Fortenberry
Photo By Root Studios

Take It To The Net

GIRLS SOCCER

Head coach Amanda Isakson lead the girls to a record of 6-3 this season. This is her second season as head coach of the varsity girls soccer team.

"She's so fun to learn from. She knows when to act like a friend and when to act like a coach," junior Tara Ellis said.

This girls all say they can relate to their coach very well, this not only

coming from her age, but also her experience with soccer.

"She knows when to act like a friend, and when to act like a coach."

Tara Ellis, 11

"She runs really tough drills sometimes, but they're always fair, and they do make us better," senior Sam Rodriguez said.

Isakson said she was planning on returning next season to coach

the girls again. She plans to work harder and longer and hopes to make it farther along in competition.

Story By Rachel Jordan

Senior Kelly Stanley fights for the ball against a defensive player from Merrville High. Stanley has been playing for the varsity soccer team for four years. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Sophomore Ashley Hallman juggles the ball between her legs as she tries to keep it from going out of bounds. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Girls Soccer: Alyssa Pacheco, Hailey Holland, Holly Tharp, Bri Cordon, Andrea Hallmen, Ashley Hallmen, Natalie Griffin, Abby Clark, Michelle Figueroa, Kelly Stanley, Alicia Vega, Kristen Ashby, Sam Rodriguez, Amanda Pacheco, Morgyn Graber, Carly Bermes, Tara Ellis.



Varsity Schedule

Penn		Crown Point		Highland		North Central		Michigan City
Home	8/20	Away		Away	9/2	Away	9/6	Home
Tie		Win	8/28	Win		Win		Win
8/18	SB St. Joe	8/26	Munster	8/30	Lake Central	9/5	North Central	9/9
	Home		Away		Home		Away	
	Win		Win		Lose		Lose	



Sophomore Ashley Smith tries to save a ball from the sidelines during a game against Merrillville Highschool. Smith is an offensive player who is junior varsity team. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Player PROFILE



Tara Ellis

Favorite Position and Why

Center-Mid, because you get to be the playmaker and you can see what's going on all over the field.

How many years have you played soccer?

13 years all together but three at PHS.

How many times have you lettered?

Seven times: three for soccer, three for basketball, and one for academics.

Chesterton		Valparaiso		10/4 Merrillville		Chesterton	
Away		Home		Home		Home	
Win		Win		Win		Lose	
9/16		9/25				10/14	
LaPorte		Mishawaka		Hobart		Regional	
Away		Home		Home		Home	
Win		Win		Win		N/A	
9/23		9/30		10/7		10/16	
Chesterton		Hobart		Chesterton		Regional	
Home		Home		Home		Home	
Win		Win		N/A		N/A	

Record: 6-3

Highland
Home
54-38 W

Michigan City
Away
64-61 L

Valparaiso
Home
73-33 L

Chesterton
Home
Loss

Lake Central
Home
39-36 L

Merrillville
Home
58-51 L

Schedule

Gary
Home
70-55 L

Hobart
Away
63-60 W

LaPorte
Away
74-47 L

Twin Lakes
Away
71-56 W

Crown Point
Away
59-55 W

Player PROFILE

Aaron Ciesielski



How tall are you?
6'6"

Best Position
Power Forward

Why Basketball?
I've played since I was five years old. My parents are really supportive. I just really like the game.



Junior Donte Nelson shoots a free throwing during a home game against Lake Central. Nelson has played a guard in basketball his entire high school career. **Photo by Karaline Cartagena**

Junior players Eric Lee, 42, and Steve Perry, 44, position themselves in a boxout stance to try and collect a rebound shot by a member of the opposing team. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Chesterton
Away
66-59 L

Lake Central
Away
Loss

Michigan City
Home
Win

Lake Central
Away
Loss

Merrillville
Away
Loss

2/7

9/27

2/7

9/27

**Record:
2-12**

Boone Grove
Home
Loss

LaPorte 2/6
Home
54-47 L

Kankakee Valley 9/20
Away
Win

Crown Point 2/6
Home
Loss

Valparaiso 9/20
Away
Loss

Sectional
Away
76-54 L

Dribbling to the Top BOYS BASKETBALL

"After 25 years you would think that you would become accustomed to the thrill of coaching kids with such talent. The truth is you don't. You never do," Head Coach Rick Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass has been a been a varsity boys basketball coach for 25 years. Snodgrass coached the boys this year in very tough season.

The final DAC record was 2 wins and 12 losses and an overall record of 6 wins and 15 losses.

"It was a pretty gruesome season," junior Eric Lee

"I think that's what matters really, win or lose we did it as a team."

Eric Lee, 12

said. "Even when we worked hard it seemed like it wasn't enough. But we held together like a team should. I think that's what matters really, win or lose we did it as a team."

Throughout the entire season the team stayed a whole. No player quit or was removed from the team.

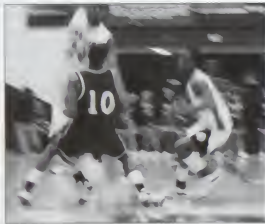
"It was good to know that all those guys would be there till the end. I think it helped us stick together," junior

Keenan Ruzga said.

Story By Rachel Jordan



Senior Aaron Ciesielski boxes out another player with trying to collect a rebound during a home game against Lake Central. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Junior's Demonte Dinkins, 12, and Damonte Lowery, 22, play offense against a Merrillville opponent during a home game. Both juniors plan to try out for the team during their senior year. **Photo By Rachel Jordan**

Slam Dunk Victory

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The PHS Lady Indians had a big shoe to fill when they stepped into this season. Last year the Indians had a very productive season. This year, it ended even better.

The Indians completed this season with a record of 13 wins and 8 losses overall. They ended their DAC season winning half of the 14 games they played.

"It was tough. Losing sectionals hurt. We all really wanted to win," senior Tiffany Keil said.

The ladies lost a very difficult away sectional game to Chesterton 51-47.

"We lost, but that didn't reflect our

season at all. The girls did an outstanding job," Head Coach Kristen Peterson said.

Peterson has been coaching the Lady Indians for five years. This will be here last year coaching for PHS.

The team was asked how they felt about Peterson not returning they responded rather upset.

"PHS is losing the best coach they've ever had. That's all I'm going to say about that subject," senior

Ashley Thompson said.

All the Lady Indians agree that the season was great, and Peterson helped contribute to that.

Story By Rachel Jordan

"PHS is losing the best coach they've ever had. That's all I'm going to say about that subject."

Ashley Thompson, 12

Junior Tara Ellis runs to the net for a layup. Ellis plays both basketball and soccer, and has lettered in both sports. Ellis even started Varsity on the basketball team her freshman year. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Far right: Seniors Tiffany Keil and Hannah Pajor struggle for ball possession with a Valparaiso player. Both Keil and Pajor have played basketball for the last four years of their high school career. Photo by Rachel Jordan

Sophomore Tori Bliss has played basketball since she was a young girl. Bliss is a three-sport athlete, and lettered her freshman year. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Varsity Schedule

Gary Wallace		Crown Point		Merrillville		Michigan City		LaPorte	
Home	11/18	Home	11/25	Away	12/2	Home	12/12	Home	
Win		Lose		Win		Lose		Win	
11/13		11/21		11/28		12/5		12/16	
	Wirt		Andrean		Hobart		Valparaiso		
	Home		Home		Away		Away		
	Win		Win		Win		Lose		



Row one, from left: Jabria Ezell, Tiffany Keil, Brianne Wischman, Kayla Criswell, Row two, from left: Taylor Harminac, Tara Ellis, Hannah Pajor, Tori Bliss, Alicia Ciesielski, Ashley Thompson.
Photo by Roots Studio

Player PROFILE



Ashley Thompson

What Position Do You Play? Why?
Guard. I play it mostly because I'm fast, not because I really like it.

Why Basketball?

Come on, we live in the Hoosier State. It's like we have to play, it's kinda required.

How Do You Feel About Coach Peterson Leaving?

PHS is losing the best coach they've ever had. That's all I'm going to say about that subject.



<u>Lake Central</u>		<u>Merrillville</u>		<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>	
12/19	Home Lose	1/2	Home Lose	1/13	Home WIn	1/23	Away Lose
<u>Chesterton</u>		<u>Crown Point</u>		<u>Washington T.</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>	
12/30	Home Win	1/10	Away Win	1/16	Away Lose	1/27	Away Win

Record: 13-8

Varsity Schedule

<u>Merrville</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>		<u>Wheeler</u>		<u>PHS Invite</u>
Home		Away		Away		Home		Home
107-74	8/8	115-70	8/12	100-85	8/19	118-54	8/21	NA
8/7	<u>Munster Relays</u>		<u>Highland</u>	8/18	<u>Highland Invite</u>	8/20	<u>Crown Point</u>	8/26
	Away	8/11	Away		Away		Home	
	2nd place		Forfeit		7th place		100-83	

PlayerPROFILE

Evan Dominguez



Favorite Stroke

Backstroke, because it's the only stroke that you can breathe the whole time while doing it. Plus, I'm pretty good at it.

Why Swimming?

Well, it was because I wanted to keep going after fourth grade, but over the season you become friends with other people on the team, and then those friends gradually turn into family. And then you become even closer to this "family". We fight and argue. But we help each other get better, and we end up caring about this new family. It's just such a great atmosphere.



Junior Robby Ayres races towards the finish line while keeping his stroke doing the breast stroke. **Photo by Alec Back**

Junior Chris Schreier jumps off the starting block at the beginning of a race. Schreier has won numerous records from PHS and plans on swimming next year. **Photo by Alec Back**



<u>Chesterton</u>		<u>Lake Central</u>		<u>Sectionals</u>		<u>Regionals</u>	
Away		Away		Laport		Penn	
8/28	148-35	9/2	129-54	9/9	NA	9/15	NA
<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>		<u>Crown Point DAC</u>		<u>Sectionals</u>	
Away		Away		Away		Laport	
8/29	101-82	9/8	NA	6th Place	9/10	NA	9/20

Record: 6-3

Just Dive Right In BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Boys Swimming and Diving team had much to be proud about this season. Improving both their record and the size of there team, they held strong till the end of the season.

The final Boys Swimming and Diving team DAC record was 3 wins and 4 losses. The overall record is 5 wins and 4 losses.

Throughout the season the boys on the team got very close to one another.

"We fight and argue but we help

"We fight and argue. But we help each other get better"

Even Domingez, 11

each other get better" said junior swimmer Even Domingez. "It's just such a great atmosphere."

Head coach John Zack refered to the team as an

"uplifting learning experience".

"Not only is the team one of the best, the coach can't be beat," said senior swimmer Matt Dogan. Dogan has been on the swim team all four years of his highschool career.

Story By Rachel Jordan



Alec Ayers, Cody Grzelak, Nick Longoria, Griffin Medven, Garrett Piers, Eric Gurrola, DeAndre Jackson, Ken Lonfellow, Casey Newcomb, Billy Rodriguez, Jeff Webb, Robby Ayers, Alec Back, Evan Domingues, Frank Herrera, Brandon Kalch, Kendrick Lo, Austin Parker, Sean Parpart, Chris Schreier, Jacob Sullivan, Doug Adduci, Jeff Barnes, Matt Dogan, Caleb Kitchen, Steve Kovachevich

Photo By Roots Studios

Making A Splash!

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Girls Swim Team this year jumped into the water without holding anything back.

They completed their season with an overall record of 7-3 and a DAC record of 4 wins and 3 losses. In sectionals they got third place at Chesterton.

The coaches this year were head coach Greg Mundt, assistant coach Ralph Mundt, and diving coach Joe Hulse. Head coach Greg Mundt has been the coach for

a couple years. Hulse, however, is new. As a new coach though, he is not shy is sharing his skills.

"I wouldn't have learned close to what I have without my coach."

Darcy Richardson, 12

"I wouldn't have learned close to what I have without my coach," senior Darcy Richardson said.

The diving team did very well under a new coach this year.

Hulse plans on coming back next year and hopes for more divers to come and join the team.

Story By Rachel Jordan

Jessica Anderson, Jessica Dranchak, Darcy Richardson, Claire Lichenawicz, Alex Simmons, Michelle Gattschlich, Maegan Stoba, Cristiana Gonzalez, Emily Barnes Hanna Wise, Seiche Dagan, Anna Simmons, Sam Becker, Erika McEwan, Mayra Martinez, Liane Cesaro, Elizabeth Saylor, Ariel Stepanovich, Hannah Darman, Jordan Simmons, Alyssa Sato, Taylor Bayer, Sierra King, Morgan Daucherty, Lauren Hoddax, Alexis Reddingtan, Jessica Melikava

Photo by Root Studios



Junior Hanna Wise dives gracefully into the swimming pool during an after school practice. Wise has been on the varsity swim team for two consecutive years. **Photo by Alec Back**



A member of the PHS Girls Swim Team prepares herself before the start of a race. **Photo by Jessica Dranchak**

Varsity Schedule

<u>Hobart</u>	<u>Merrillville</u>	<u>Highland</u>	<u>Wheeler</u>	<u>PHS Invite</u>
Away	Home	Away	Home	Home
Win	Win	Lose	Win	5th out of 8
	11/25	12/9		1/7
	12/2		1/3	
<u>Lake Central</u>	<u>LaPorte</u>	<u>Michigan City</u>	<u>Crown Point</u>	
Away	Away	Away	Home	
Lose	Win	Win	Lose	



Freshman Alex Thompson practices a dive during a practice after school at the PHS East pool. Photo by Liz Broadie



Player PROFILE



Darcy Richardson

Which category of diving do you like best?

Inward

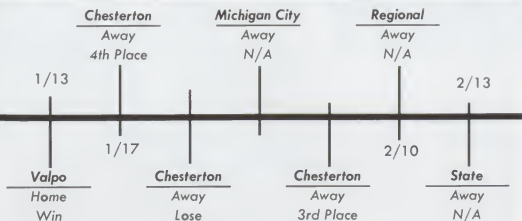
How Long have you been diving?

Why did you start?

Four years, and I started because I didn't do gymnastics in high school so I needed to do something.

How many years have you been on Varsity, and have you lettered?

I've been on varsity for almost 4 years, and yes, I have lettered in diving.



Record: 4-3

Varsity Schedule

<u>PHS</u>	<u>Michigan City</u>	<u>Merrillville</u>	<u>Goshen</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>
Home	Home	Away	Away	Away
N/A	Win	Lost	N/A	N/A
	<u>Wawasee</u>	<u>Lowell</u>	<u>Calumet</u>	<u>LaPorte</u>
	Away	Away	Away	Home
	Win	N/A	5th Place	Win

Player PROFILE

Sean McMurray



Weight Class

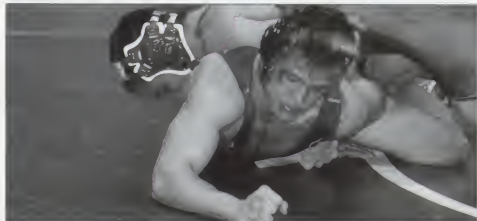
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Years Winning State

Second

What's it like winning state two years in a row?

This year it was like a job. Last year it was more exciting. I felt like I had to do it this year or I would let some people down.



Junior Justin Ruiz tries to keep himself from being pinned. Earlier in the match, Ruiz had been hit in the face by the opponent's earpiece. Ruiz continued to bleed throughout the match, but ending up finishing with a win. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Junior Damien Torres struggles through his 119 weight class to pin the opponent. After a grueling match, he pins him with only seconds left. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



North Montgomery

Away
Win

Valparaiso

Away
Win

Lake Central

Home
Win

Delphi Invitational

Away
Win (1st Place)

Record: 5-2

Chesterton

Away
Win

North Montgomery

Away
Win

Crown Point

Away
2 Wins 1 Loss

DAC at LaPorte

Away
3rd Place

Sectional at LaPorte

Away
Win (1st Place)

Hold 'em, Push 'em, Pin 'em WRESTLING

"Having a chance to coach kids this talented was an experience all on it's own," Assistant Coach Fred Joseph.

The wrestling team did have an experience this year. This was the year consecutive year in a row that junior Sean McMurray won a state championship.

"[Winning state] is like a job, it just has to be done. It doesn't matter who does it, as long as Portage can say it's ours," McMurray said.

Not only did an athlete on the team win a

"[Winning State] is like a job, it just has to be done."

Sean McMurray, 11

state championship, but the team also won a placement of 3rd in the DAC Sectionals meet. They could also brag about record they earned. With a record

of 28 wins and 5 losses over all and a DAC record of 5 wins and 2 losses the team finished there season with three heads held high.

"This year was great, but as a senior next year I bet it's going to be better," junior Damien Torres said.

Story By Rachel Jordan



Junior Sean McMurray, weight class 152, wrestles his way to the state championship at Center Grove School. This is second year winning state for PHS. Photo by Kevin Jennings



Featured in this photo: Luis Acuna, Tyler Albee, Arthur Angulano, Robert Blackwell, Joel Bogdan, Christopher Brock, Marcus Bush, Kyle Carliatta, Jacob Cherry, Nathaniel Coleman, Tyler Coleman, Brandon Cappinger, Tam Duff, Mike Escote, Jesse Duque, Matt Evans, Wayne Fagan, Vince Fischer, Logan Fisher, Pablo Garcia, Paul Gonzales, Petie Hernandez, Reno Hilton, Danny Hultzman, Davante Hudson, Alberto Irizarry, Drew Keil, Kyle Keith, Aaron King, Brett Kalgore, Nick Jones, Matt Leucuta, Niko Martinez, Sean McMurray, Christopher Mendaza, Tyler Marahan, Anthony Nichols, Brian Narten, Tony Nuzzo, Jacob Parrish, Travis Pride, Justin Rhein, Christopher Santos, Christopher Saylor, Steven Saylor, Michael Schiller, Paul Shane, David Tamietto, Jessie Tanner, Zach Thorn, Damien Torres, Michael Torres, Bret Trowbridge, Zach Wilczynski, Tyler Williams, Michael Wilson Photo by Root Studios

"This year was great, but as a senior next year I bet it's going to be better." Junior Damien Torres 193

<u>Laporte</u>		<u>Merrillville</u>		<u>Merrillville</u>		<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Chesterton</u>
Home		Away		Away		Away		Home
Lose	1/26	4th out of 11	2/8	Lose	2/9	Lose	2/16	N/A
1/22	<u>Crown Point</u>	1/31	<u>Hobart</u>	2/5	<u>Lowell</u>	2/11	<u>Lake Central</u>	2/18
	Home		Home		Home		Home	
	Lose		Win		Win		N/A	

Ashely Farley



When I was little I used to watch
the olympics and I loved it.

Beam is great. I love trying new tricks

I've been in gymnastics for 10 years and my parents signed me up in kindergarden. I've stuck with it ever since.



Sophomore Sabrina Alanez practices the beam during an after school practice. Alanez is a varsity gymnast who takes favor to beam over the other events in gymnastics. **Photo by Melissa Deavers**

Sophomore Paige Bomba performs a routine during a meet at PHS. According to Bomba, beam is one of the hardest events to train on. She prefers floor or vault. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



2/25	<u>Crown Point</u> Away 12th out of 12	3/7	<u>Regionals</u> Valparaiso N/A	3/14	<u>Semi State</u> Valparaiso N/A	3/21
<u>JV M'ville Invite</u> Away 3rd out of 7	2/28	<u>Sectionals</u> Chesterton 7th place	3/13	<u>Semi State</u> Valparaiso N/A	3/15	<u>State</u> Indy N/A

Record: 6-3

Bars, Beams and Belles GYMNASTICS

With only one senior on the team, the gymnastics girls had a lot of new skill levels to work with and a lot of work to do to bring out the best in each gymnast. The team was comprised of six freshman, six sophomores, one junior and one senior. The girls started conditioning for their season long before it started. They worked out, ran, and practiced as much as possible to be sure the

team was at it's best. Each girl contributed in her own way and the only junior on the team, Ashley

Farley, went on to sectionals and placed third with a score of 9.6. She then went on to regionals and unfortunately didn't go on from there.

The girls finished off with a record

of 2 wins and 5 losses overall and a DAC record of 0-5. **Story By**
Brittany Coats

**"The beam is
great! I love try-
ing new tricks!"**

Ashley Farley, 11



Junior Ashley Farley practices a routine on the uneven bars during a practice. **Photo by**
Rachel Jordan

Crown Point	Munster	Munster	New Haven	Lake Central
Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
Lose	Lose	Lose	Lose	Lose
10/11	10/18	10/26	11/2	
10/3	10/12	10/25	11/1	11/7
Andrew	LSSJ	Penn Gold	Homestead	
Home	Home	Home	Home	
Lose	Lose	Lose	Lose	

Schedule

PLAYER PROFILE

Twins on Ice



Tyler Dean

Most uncomfortable piece of uniform, Why?

The elbow pads because they always slide down.

Favorite Position

Defense

Why Hockey?

The competitive aspect of the sport is what intrigued me.



Zach Dean

Most uncomfortable piece of uniform, Why?

The elbow pads because they don't stay up.

Favorite Position

Center

Why Hockey?

It's a fast sport and you can always hit people.



Senior Nick Dvorscak and another player rush to the puck after it was taken by a member of the opposing team.

Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas

Three players warm up before their game at the outdoor rink in Michigan. The players do stretches and skating drills before each game to prepare themselves to play.

Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas



<u>South Stars Red</u>		<u>Bloomington</u>		<u>Southbend Tourn.</u>		<u>Snider</u>	
Away		Home		Away		Away	
11/8		11/22		11/30		12/8	
Lose		Lose		Lose		Lose	
							1/10
<u>South Stars Red</u>	<u>North Central</u>	<u>11/23</u>	<u>Lake Central</u>	<u>12/5</u>	<u>Crown Point</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>Portage Tourn.</u>
Away	Home		Home		Home		Home
11/9							
Win	Lose		Lose		Lose		Win 3 of 3

Record:
6-33-2

Watch Out For That Puck! HOCKEY

Among the plethora of sports teams at Portage High School, there are a select few students that are involved in the Portage Ice Hockey Club. Many of the students at PHS did not know we even had a hockey team, and that is because, technically, it is not considered a sports team.

The team is not sponsored or funded by the IHSAA, leaving the participants to use fundraisers and personal funds to pay for their equipment and participation on the team. The students on the team are a mixture of students from PHS, Hobart High School, Chesterton High School,

and Highland High School. The team captain this year was Nick Dvorscak, a senior at PHS. Their coach was Duane Becker, the father of a previous player, who decided to continue to coach

the team even though his son graduated.

"He's a good coach and he knows what he's talking about," junior Chad Purcell said. "He helped me the most with my positioning." After losing last year's seniors and not having many replacement seniors, the team had a lot of practicing to

do. "I feel we could have gone farther, but we played really hard," Purcell

said. Story By Joey Bain
and Brittany Coates

**"He's a good
coach and knows
what he's talking
about,"**

Chad Purcell, 11



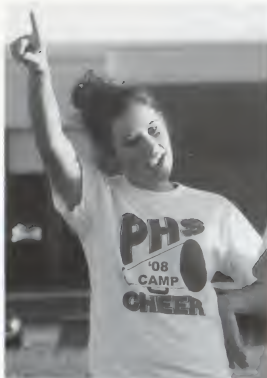
Seniors Tyler Dean and Nick Dvorscak take a shot on the goal in an attempt to tie the score at a home game.

Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas



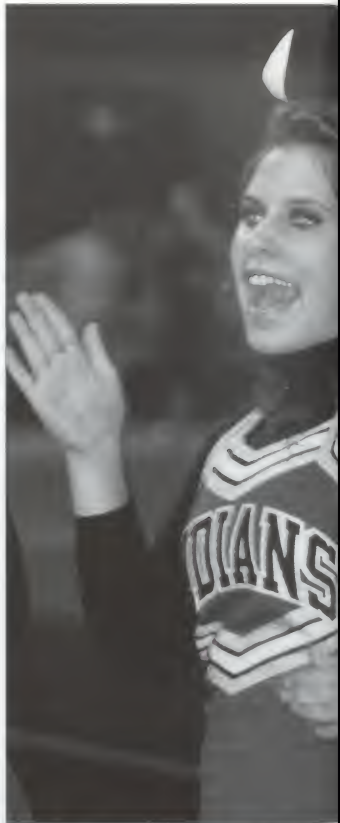
A player readies himself to take a shot as Hobart Senior Jared Daghy stands by for assistance.

Photo provided by Amanda Alasauskas



Saphomore Sarah Handly poses before the bleachers at a PHS home football game against Merrville. Handly has been on the JV team both of her freshman and saphomore years at PHS. She plans to continue by participating in for the next two years. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Saphomore Kendra Becker raises her finger up in the "Number One" position during a practice after school. Becker's favorite cheer is the "Steal-It, Take It-Away" cheer. "It didn't take me long to memorize it, maybe an hour. I just love to be really loud, with everyone watching me," Becker says. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Player PROFILE

Stephany Turka



How Long Have You Cheered?

I've been cheering since third grade.

Favorite Cheer?

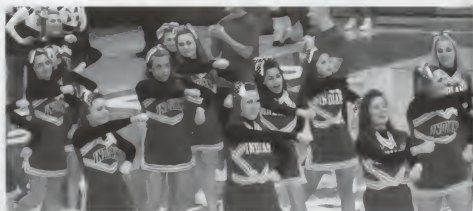
B-E-A-T is my favorite for sure!

Why Cheer?

It's like a way of life! I love every minute of cheer!

PHS JV Cheerleaders perform a routine during half time at a PHS boys Varsity Basketball game.

Photo by Liz Broadie



Gimmie a "P-O-R-T-A-G-E" CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading is an all year athletic club. There is not a lot of down time. The cheerleaders cheer for football season then transfer directly into basketball. After basketball season, the cheerleaders start to train for competition.

They spend long hours practicing and perfecting stunts, cheers, routines, and tumbling. Not only do they practice at the high school but also at the local elementary schools.

It is hard to imagine a Portage High School football or basketball game without the cheer team on the sidelines. Even if the Indians are not

winning the cheerleaders can still be heard trying to keep the crowd positive.

"No matter what you have to keep smiling, and always be upbeat," sophomore Kendra Becker said.

Cheerleaders attend a cheerleading camp in the summer, team bonding parties, and attempt to raise money by hosting a team rummage and bake sale.

PHS Cheerleaders had a great competition season. Bringing home numerous top place trophies competing against teams in and out of the DAC.

Story By Rachel Jordan and Kendra Becker

"No matter what you have to keep smiling, and always be upbeat."

Kendra Becker, 10



VARSITY

Row 1: Emma Ganske, Bri Kiser, Dana Stronczek, Julie Flecher, Sarah Handly. Row 2: Stephanie Benak, Sabrina Alaniz, Maverick Miller, Jocelyn Sloan, Gabby Roads.
Photo by Root Studios



JUNIOR VARSITY

Row 1: Ericka Gaffney, Bri Beal, Kayla Mische, Clarissa Alvarez, Kendra Becker. Row 2: Shelby Bailey, Kylee Yeomens, Brandi Lakomek, Alex Thompson, Nikki Deria.
Photo by Root Studios



PHS Cheerleaders run to the fence after a win from the PHS boys varsity football team. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Shake It, Just Don't Break It

POMS

The Portage High School Poms girls spend alot of time practicing and revising their choreography to make it that much better.

The poms team dances at Basketball games during half time and then also sometimes makes an appearance at a football game to do the National Anthem, to dance during the helmet run and to dance to the school fight song side by side with the cheerleaders.

Competition season is a long season for the girls. Practices go to a double and all day saturday practices from morning to night. They work really hard to do

great at competition. They can compete from anywhere from Illinois to Tennessee.

They compete a lot and competition is every weekend consecutively from January to March. Although this year wasn't their best year for competition they still worked their hardest.

The poms team isn't always work and business, however, they also have team parties to bond and relax as a team. They

sponsor car washes to fundraise.

Poms is a great way to get involved to show off your skills, gain some new ones, and also learn diffetent types of dance.

Story by Kendra Becker

"I love Poms! I have been dancing my entire life. It's just something I can't get enough of."

Sophomore Ashlee Gast

Varsity Poms girls dance to a routine during the pep rally.
Photo by Liz Broadie



The JV Poms team performs during the pep rally to a routine. **Photo by Liz Broadie**

Varsity and Junior Varsity Poms Members: Braylen Rosco, Danielle Aragon, Kristian Vanderstein, Rosida Rosado, Savana Gurly, Kathy Bogard, Alex Praddle, Kiara Turpa, Amber Riley, Alexis Crump, Lauren Vanderstein, Allison Gannon, Ashlee Gast, Brittney Winter, Jessica Lay, Ashley Bernel
Coach: Sandy Taylor





Senior Melanie Cunningham leads the varsity girls Poms in the routine during a portion of the pep rally at PHS. Photo by Liz Broadie



During the Pep Rally girls from the JV Poms team danced to a routine. Photo by Liz Broadie



The PHS Varsity Poms team performs during the pep rally to a mixed music routine. Photo by Liz Broadie

Varsity Schedule

<u>Andean</u> Home Win 40-7	<u>Highland</u> Home Win 41-6	<u>Lake Central</u> Home Win 26-7	<u>Merrillville/HC</u> Home Win 22-20	<u>Crown Point</u> Away Lose 21-6
8/22	8/23	8/30	9/6	9/13
	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19
<u>Andean</u> Away Lose	<u>Highland</u> Home Lose	<u>Lake Central</u> Away Lose 23-12	<u>Merrillville</u> Away Lose	

Player PROFILE



Arvis Johnson, 12

How Long Have You Been Running Track?

I've been running track for four years, and this is my fourth year on varsity.

What sports do you play at PHS?

Football and Track. I'm a sprinter in track and I'm on offense in football.

What did you like about track this year?

Even though it really is a single athlete sport, we really came together and won as a team.



Senior Nate Samano jumps over the high jump bar during a home meet against Lake Central.

Photo by Rachel Jordan

Senior Jake Dixon crosses the finish line first during the prelims before the 100 meter dash.

Photo by Rachel Jordan



<u>Chesterton</u> Away Lose 37-14	<u>Michigan City</u> Home Win 20-14	<u>Valparaiso</u> Away Lose 45-7	<u>LaPorte</u> Home Win 28-19
9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11
9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17
<u>Crown Point</u> Home Lose	<u>Chesterton</u> Home Lose	<u>Michigan City</u> Away Lose	<u>Valparaiso</u> Home Lose
			<u>LaPorte</u> Away Lose

Record: 1-4

Boys Winning the Blue

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

This year the boys track team came together strong. They worked together and completed their season with an overall record of 4 wins and 4 losses and a DAC record of 1 win and 4 losses. They learned a lot as a team this year, including how to work better as a team.

"Even though it really is a single athlete sport, we really came together and won and lost as a

"We really came together as a team and won and lost as a team."

Arvis Johnson, 12

team," senior Arvis Johnson said.

Johnson is a sprinter for the boys track team and has been on varsity all four years.

The boys unfortunately didn't go any farther than sectionals this year. However, Head Coach John Cappel is planning on pushing the boys next year to go all the way.

Story by Rachel Jordan



Sophomore DeAndre Jackson tries to catch up to an opponent during the 55M hurdles at a home meet invite. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



A PHS pole vaulter practices before his event starts during a home meet invite. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**

Faster, Farther, Higher

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

The track team has many different events and each event is assigned their own coach. This year 52 girls divided up and trained in 16 different events. Throughout the season they won numerous blue, red, and white ribbons. In the end, they even came out with a state champion in shotput. Sophomore Tori Bliss threw a 46' 11.75" at state to win the title. It was her first time winning state.

Over all the girls track team completed the season with a 3-4-1 record and a DAC record of 2-4-1. They came together

as a team at the Northridge Invite and recieved a first out of 11 teams.

"We all practice in different spots and do different stuff, but we all come together to try to get a win when it's important," junior McKenzie Harsh said. Harsha has been doing track for six years. All six years she has focused on shotput and in the last three learned discus and the hammer throw.

The girls track team has had a great season. They hope to get more team members to state next year and hope for another amazing season.

Story By Rachel Jordan

"We all practice in different spots and do different stuff, but we all come together to try to get a win in the end."

McKenzie Harsha, 11



Erin Connelly, Paige Mullen, Katerina Serrano, Katie Engle, Terra Narman, Sam Smee, Alexis Johnson, Celeste Robles, Michaeline Spencer, Sierra King, Nicole Ruiz, Tabatha Tanes, Alexis McKee, Kaitlyn Salinas, Abby Trader, Kayla Mischke, Ashley Soss, Dominique Turney, Sam Becker, Kristy Evans, Ashley Smith, Tori Bliss, Kylie Evans, Jawanza Woods, Katie Burns, Bri Kiser, Christina Delturca, Alyssa Sass, Vanna Beten, Ashley Farley, Sarah Newton, Rami Bishop, McKenzie Harsha, Christine Salis, Kayla Criswell, Janina Hafer, Erica Tellez, Kate Dwyer, Erin Jackson, Jabria Ezell, Autumn Murray Photo by Root Studios



Junior Christina Gonzolas completes a jump at the Penn State Invite. Photo provided by Portagetrack.com

Freshman Kayla Mischke projects herself over the hurdle during a home meet. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Schedule

<u>Boone Grove</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Lake Central</u>		<u>Penn Invite</u>		<u>Merrillville</u>	
Home		Away		Home		Away		Away	
Win	4-15	Win	4-18	Lose	4-22	6th Place	4-28	Tie	
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4-9	<u>Michigan City</u>	4-15	<u>Northridge Invite</u>	4-22	<u>Valparaiso</u>	4-25	<u>Chesterton</u>	4-28	
	Away		Away		Home		Away		
	Win		1st Place		Lose		Lose		

Hitting, Catching, Running, Winning BASEBALL

The boys baseball team finished with a record of 17 wins and 13 losses this year.

They finished their season by losing 4-2 to Valporaiso in sectionals.

"We did better than last year," senior short stop player Kyle Schiller said. "We started playing more like a team instead of individual players."

The coaches this year worked really hard to bring the team together as a team and teach them to never give up.

"If he pushes one thing it's to always

give it your best and just don't quit," senior Steve Bryan says about Head

Coach Tim Pirowski.

"He's always coaching and helping us, and even if he's not you can just talk to him about anything."

Pirowski has been coaching the team for many years.

"Learning is only one step in the process of

winning," Pirowski said.

He plans on coming back next year and working really hard to take the team all the way.

Story By Rachel Jordan

Pictured Below: Mike Brunner, Cody Jackson, Sam Pucholski, Cory Gorzello, Ivan Martinez, Myles Mendoza, Tom Mosley, Giovanni Taylor, Steve Bryon, Brandon Comerford, Grant Cummings, Damian Hunt, Steve Koveck, Caleb McKee, Zach Przybysz, Dom Reboy, Kyle Schiller, Mike Sheehan, Tim Pirowski, Bob Dixon
Photo by Roots Studios



Senior Zach Przybysz jumps in the air while trying to tag a player out at home plate.

Photo by Rachel Jordan

Senior Brandon Comerford slides into second base while watching where the ball is being thrown.

Photo by Rachel Jordan



Schedule

Elkhart Memorial

Away Win 4/8

Lowell

Away Lose 4/10

Highland

Away Win 4/15

Merrillville

Home Win 4/17

Michigan City

Away Win

4/1

Griffith
Home Win

4/9

Munster
Home Win

10/11

Valporaiso
Home Win

4/16

Hammon Clark
Away Win

4/22



Senior Kyle Schiller throws the ball to home plate hoping to get the third out of the inning at a home game against Lake Central. **Photo by Rachel Jordan**



Player PROFILE



Kyle Schiller

Years Played

Four on Varsity

Position

Short Stop

Why baseball?

I've played baseball for years.

It's all I know and all I need
to know. I'm playing in college
and can't wait.

**Record: 7-7**

Hey batta batta, swing!

SOFTBALL

PHS is known for it's highly-spirited softball team. During this season, even

Spicker has been playing softball for seven years.

though the number of wins was not what the girls wanted, they still kept their heads high along with their spirits. The girls ended with a record of 15-13 and a DAC record of 8 wins and 6 losses.

"We were up and down throughout the whole season, but in the end we came together," says junior Becky Spicker.

"The coaches and the girls are such a great group of people."

Junior Becky Spicker

"I enjoy having fun and softball is at PHS is fun," Spicker said "The coaches and the girls are such a great group of people."

The varsity team did make it to sectionals and were named sectional champs this year. They show with

the right attitude, success will occur.

Story By Rachel Jordan

The girls celebrate winning the sections game by gathering for a picture after the game with the trophy. Photo provided by Dani Bryan



Junior Hannah Smock starts to slide into home plate trying to beat the ball and score a run during a home game against Wheeler. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Far right: Senior Alex Rodriguez swings at a ball trying to get a hit during a home game against Crown Point. Rodriguez got the hit and ended up scoring a run helping win the game. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Varsity Schedule



Portage Lady Indians



Pictured: Gil Arzola, Sara Paape, Mike Hansen, Sam Rodriguez, Hannah Smock, Jessica Bruno, Hannah Pajor, Kristen Helmick, Tiffany Kiel, Alex Rodriguez, Rhi Smolar, Courtney Wilson, Rebeka Spicker, Dani Bryan, Kali Norfrey, Stacia Upton, Kristen Ashby, Natalie Korpak, Kylie Someson, Nikki Cloyd

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Player PROFILE



Courtney Wilson

How many years have you been playing on the softball team?

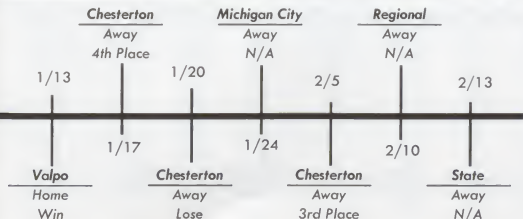
This is my third.

What positions do you play?

Outfield and sometimes third base

What's your favorite part about softball?

It's so intense! I love the feeling of getting a hit or a run. You can't beat that feeling.



Record: 8-6

Hole In One

BOYS GOLF

The boys golf team ended their season with a 1-13 DAC record and an overall record of 2-17.

The boys on the golf team worked really hard under their coaches Jay Hodges and Dick Kretz. Head Coach Kretz has been coaching the boys for many years and helps the boys understand how to play golf and how to enjoy it.

"I enjoy being able to take my time and not feel rushed. Making the perfect shot takes time. Other

sports you can't stop and make sure something is perfect," junior Kyle Adkins said.

"Golf is so relaxing but making the perfect shot takes time."

Kyle Adkins, 11

Adkins has been playing golf all three years and plans on returning his senior year.

The golf team unfortunately didn't qualify for anything after their regular season.

They worked very hard as a team and returning players next year are excited to see what will happen.

Story By Rachel Jordan

Junior Kyle Adkins readies himself for a swing during a game against Chesterton at Robinhurst. Photo by Mike Barnes

Junior Ryan Kaminski takes a swing during a home game against Chesterton. Photo by Mike Barnes

Sophomore Dean Anderson takes a swing during a home game against Chesterton. Photo by Mike Barnes



Schedule

Griffith		Boone Grove		Twin Lakes		South Shore		Munster
Away		Home		Away		Away		Away
Lose	8/8	Lose	8/12	4th Place	4/20	Lose	4/24	Lose
4/8	Scherwood	4/14	Highland	4/18	Hanover Central	4/20	Michigan City	4/27
	Away		Home		Away		Home	
	Lose		Win		Lose		Win	



Kyle Adkins, Dean Anderson, Richard Arredondo, James Brasseur, Tyler Coleman, Ryan Kaminski, Jack Lewis, Albert Shane, Paul Shane, Nathaniel Smock, Timothy Talley
Coaches: Dick Kretz and Jay Hodges
Photo by Roots Studios

Player PROFILE



Kyle Adkins

Years Played
3 on Varsity

Why Golf?

It's relaxing. I enjoy being able to take my time and not feel rushed. Making the perfect shot takes time. Other sports you can't stop and make sure something is perfect.



4/28		5/4		5/7		5/13		5/24	
<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Michigan City</u>		<u>Lake Central</u>		<u>Lake Central</u>			
Home		Away		Home		Away			
Lose		Lose		Lose		Lose			
4/30		5/5		5/12		5/23			
<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Kankakee Valley</u>		<u>Chesterton</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Sectionals</u>	
Home		Away		Away		Away		Away	
Win		Win		Lose		Lose		7th place	

Record: 6-3

Varsity Schedule

<u>Gavit</u>		<u>LaPorte</u>		<u>Highland</u>		<u>Andean</u>		<u>East Chicago Central</u>
Away		Home		Away		Away		Away
Win		Lose		Lose		Win		Win
4/16	8/23	4/23	4/28	9/5	9/6	5/4	5/5	5/6
	<u>Boone Grove</u>		<u>Valparaiso</u>		<u>Crown Point</u>		<u>Chesterton</u>	
	Away		Home		Away		Home	
	Win		Win		Lose		Lose	

PLAYER PROFILE

Amanda Klenk



How many years have you played tennis?

This is my third year, and all on varsity.

Why tennis?

It's something fun to do in high school. Everything is so stressful, it's like just a destressing, but competitive, break.

Sophomore Carly Bermes prepares to return the ball during a singles match earlier this year. Bermes was the only player on the team to advance to sectional play. **Courtesy of Post-Tribune ©2009. Reprinted with permission.**



<u>Rensselaer Central</u>	<u>Michigan City</u>	<u>Lake Central</u>	<u>Valparaiso</u>
Home Win	Away Win	Home Lose	Sectionals Lose 1-4
5/7	5/12	5/15	10/11
5/11	5/14	5/18	5/21
<u>Lake Central</u>	<u>Merrillville</u>	<u>Lowell</u>	<u>Valparaiso</u>
Away Lose	Away Win	Away N/A	Home Lose

Record: 6-4

Hit It, Swing It, Win It

GIRLS TENNIS

This season the girls PHS tennis team ended with a 1- 6 DAC record and a 6-8 overall record. They played hard throughout their entire season.

On March 21, Carly Bermes won the singles tennis against a Valparaiso competitor with a score of 6-2. Unfortunately Bermes lost to Chesterton in sections final.

Head Coach Jessica Niebel was very proud of all the girls this season.

"I am incredibly grateful to have coached so many wonderful young women," Niebel said.

Niebel has been coaching the girls tennis team for eight years and

"Everything in high-school is so stressful, tennis is just a destressing but competitive break"

Amanda Klenk, 12

played tennis herself when attending PHS.

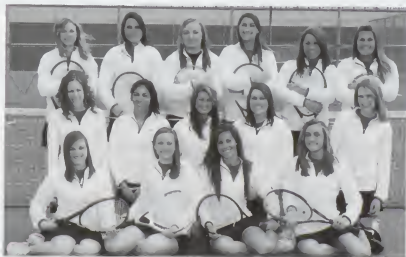
All the girls love her as a coach and are very excited to start next year with her.

"Everything in highschool is so

stressful, tennis is just a destressing but competitive break," junior Amanda Klenk said.

Klenk has been playing tennis for three years and plans on trying out for the team next year as well.

Story by Rachel Jordan



Pictured In This Photo: Darya Sadchikova, Amanda Klenk, Bre Harvey, Colleen Kuczwara, Britini Novina, Kristie Stanfield, Carly Bermes, Abby Clark, Michelle Figueroa, Michelle Comerford, Devan Doherty, Britney Hopper, Olivia Ingram, Kacey McGuire, Stephanie Nanney, Abby Hargarten

Photo by Roots Studios

All The Way To The Top

CLUB 225

This year many students wondered what Club 225 signs around the school meant.

"It's a room that has capacity of 225 people."

"That's the number of seniors graduating this year."

"Club 225 is a secret society of freshmen that watch us at school."

"It's either a math club or lifting club."

These are some of the answers freshmen gave when asked about the Club 225.

For those who don't know what the Club 225 is, here's the explanation.

This year the Captain's Council created a goal for all the 20 varsity teams to

reach 225 victories, which would be 65% of the games won.

Athletic Director

Jeff Smith said that the athletics were recognized when they reached 160 victories (last year's goal) by winning cookies and desserts.

The athletics also received t-shirts after they reached 225 victories.

The season with the most victories was the Winter season, with 112 victories, featuring Wrestling, Girls and Boys Basketball, Gymnastics, Hockey, Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving. Good job Indians!

Story by Thales Camargo

Senior Tyler Tampier attempts to make a goal during a game this fall. Tampier has participated on varsity for 3 years. Photo by Rachel Jordan



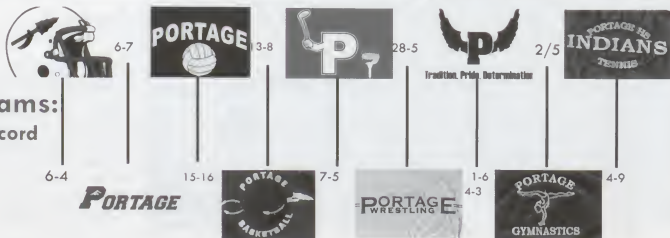
Junior Nessa Junyand swings a golf ball at one of her meets. This was Junyand's first year playing varsity. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Far right: Junior Sean McMurray celebrates his victory of winning the state competition in wrestling. McMurray had 49 victories during the season. Photo by Kevin Jennings



Varsity Teams: Logos and Record





Freshman Kayla Mischke jumps over a hurdle during one of her meets. Mischke also participates on the school's gymnastics team. Photo by Rachel Jordan



Coach PROFILE



Tim Pirowski

Why do you coach Baseball?

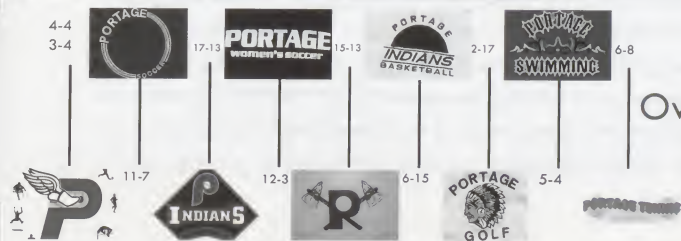
I coach baseball because I love the game, and I played baseball for PHS and St. Joseph's College.

Profession

7th grade English teacher

Quote

Happy, but never satisfied.



Overall:
260 out
of 352

IN MEMORY OF

Valerie Sonja Archie



Valerie Archie was a senior at Portage High School before passing away in a house fire on March 25, 2009. Valerie was an honor roll student and involved in several student organizations, including Pom Poms and French Club. She also had a strong love for reading, and frequented the school's library. Valerie planned on attending Valparaiso University the following fall semester. A scholarship was set up in Valerie's name for outstanding students who planned on attending Valparaiso University.

IN MEMORY OF **Mrs. Charlotte Pedone**



Long-time nurse's aid Mrs. Charlotte Pedone passed away after a battle with cancer on October 19, 2008. Mrs. Pedone worked in the Portage High School West clinic and always offered a smiling face to the ill students who visited there. She was well known throughout the Portage community by attending her church, Nativity of Our Savior Parish in Portage, and working with the local United Way office. Mrs. Pedone was also a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award from United Way. She will be missed by the many lives she touched at PHS.

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Mary Kay Stanton



Mrs. Mary Kay Stanton, an administrator for Portage Township Schools, passed away on February 14, 2009 following a brief illness. Mrs. Stanton taught at several schools and universities, including Crown Point, Portage, Purdue Calumet, and Purdue University North Central. She had a love for reading and traveling and took many wonderful trips throughout her life. A memorial grant and scholarship fund was created through the Portage Education Foundation.

Congratulations!

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**What would
you *think*
about stepping
outside of your
comfort zone?
Many students
did this year,
whether it be
by making
a funny face
or taking the
stage in a
tutu.**

All four of the student body officers get a little goofy at the christmas dance and pose for a snap shot.

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Andrea Falk

The Bitchin' Bollerinas take their bow at the end of the variety show.
Photo By: Thales DeCarmago





A PHS soccer player goes to kick the ball during an after school practice.

Photo by Rachel Jordan



Some PHS featured dancers from the Spring musical pose for a picture with the plant, Audrey II

Photo by Susan Kelly-Johnson



This year was all about the decisions you made. Did your choices affect you, or did they affect someone else? You made this year what it was. *What do you think about that?*



Sophomore Lexi Elisha plays her guitar while accompanied by her friend, junior Jenn Fultz, who danced during the variety show.

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Junior Scott Reynolds leaps for a ball during a tennis match.

Photo by Rachel Jordan





Junior Jordan Steiger
rolls footlong hotdogs
during her job swap
with the lunch ladies.
Photo by Alec Back



Junior Nessa Junya-
nid gets her make-up
perfect as she gets
ready to perform at
the variety show.
Photo By Thales
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“ High school has captured the best and worst times of my life, but it will be an experience I’ll never forget . ”

-Molly Kirby, 11



Many students turned to Home School Adviser Tim Kunstek for help. **Photo by Andrea Falk**



Students in the lunch room show how much they enjoy school lunches. **Photo by Andrea Falk**



Members of the football team get riled up at the homecoming pep rally. **Photo by: Liz Broadie**

the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population (Mental Health Foundation 1999).

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